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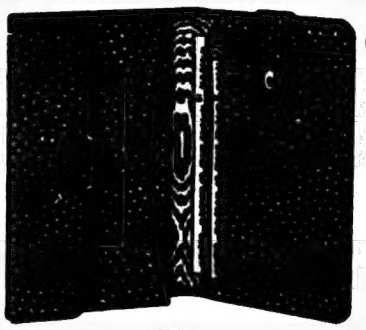

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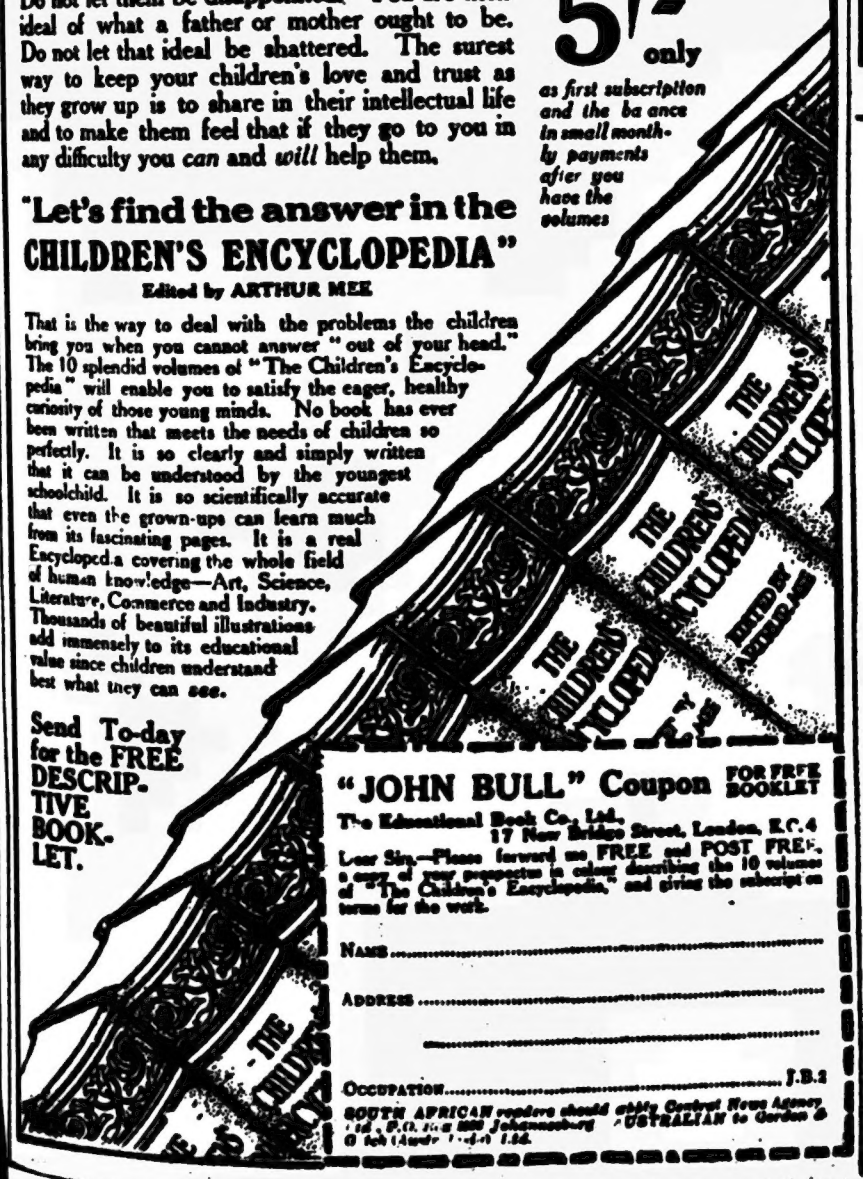

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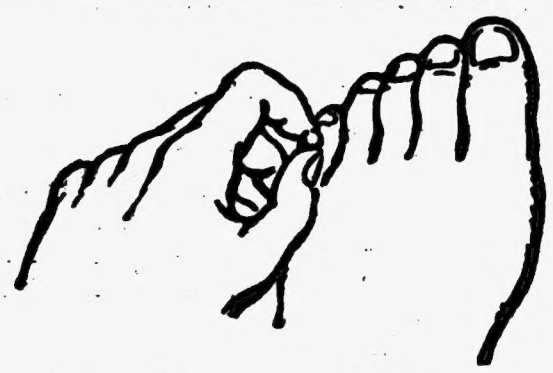

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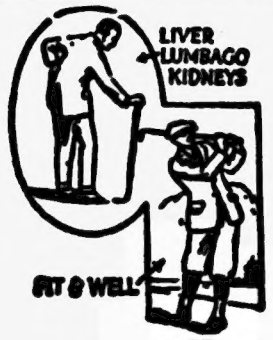

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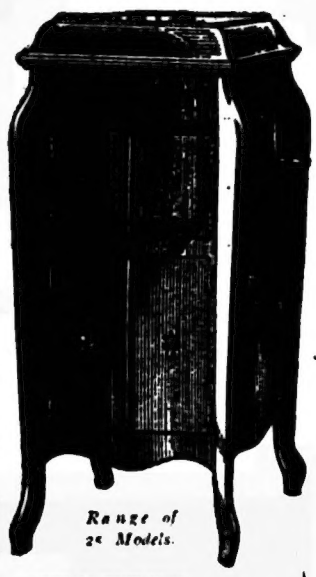

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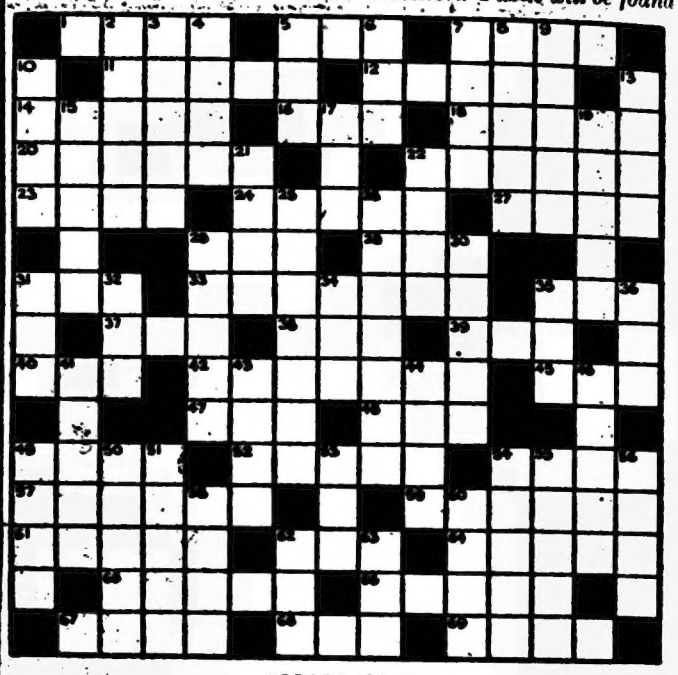
(The solution to last week's Crossword Puzzle will be found on page 8)



ACROSS CLUES

1. To float.
5. Seated.
7. To design.
11. Rare article.
12. Expanse of sea.
14. Residence
16. Attempt.
18. Sun-dried brick.
20. Bigger.
22. Trust.
23. Melody.
24. Earnest.
27. Roman fiddler.
28. Prohibit.
29. Space.
31. Winter sport.
33. Synopsis.
35. Electrical term.
37. By way of.
38. Floor covering.
39. Neither.
40. Direction.
42. Dividing.
45. Inlet.
47. A nip.
48. Bishop's seat.
49. Platform.
52. State reception.
54. To saturate.
57. Running in the Derby Cup.
59. To give.
61. Interlace.
62. Single item.
64. Drunkard.
65. Secreting organ.
66. Deep-seated dirt.
67. To cure.
68. Animal.
69. Highlander.

DOWN CLUES

2. Seed of oak.
3. Nonsense.
4. Growing timber.
5. A drunkard.
6. Plaything.
7. Fruit.
8. Loaded.
9. Positive pole.
10. Prepared barley grain.
13. Prohibit.
17. Thwart.
18. Cloth fragment.
19. Tree.
21. Gather.
22. To crowd.
25. To enliven.
26. Self-talk.
28. Vulgar person.
30. London suburb.
31. Stitch.
32. Creeper.
34. Sailor.
35. A sphere.
36. Blossoms in spring.
41. Conscious.
43. Retain
44. Necessity.
46. Sharp.
49. Soft feathers.
50. A likeness.
51. A Gallipoli bay.
53. Front.
54. A goblin.
55. Fold of a garment.
56. An expression.
58. Ardour.
60. Relating to the ear.
62. Uneven
63. Oval shape.

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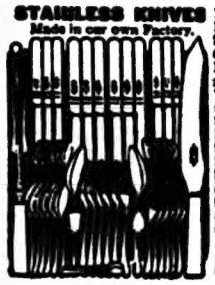

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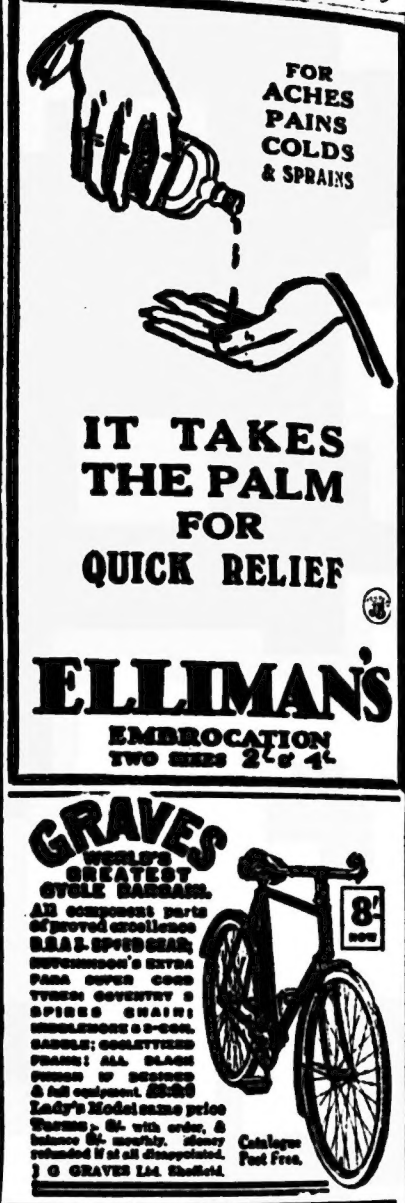

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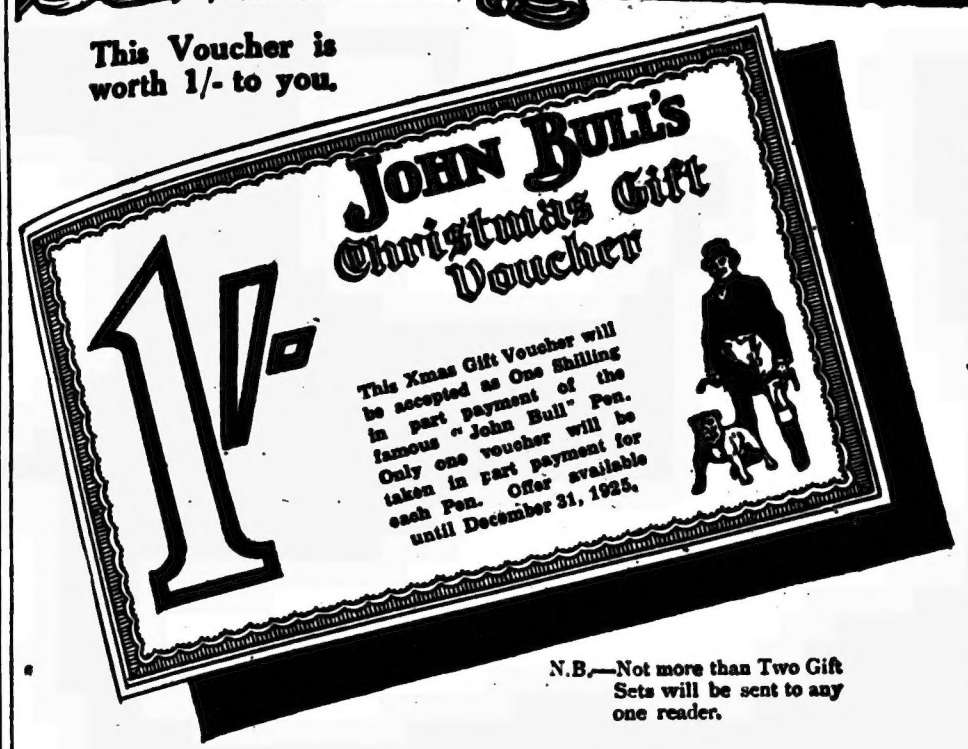
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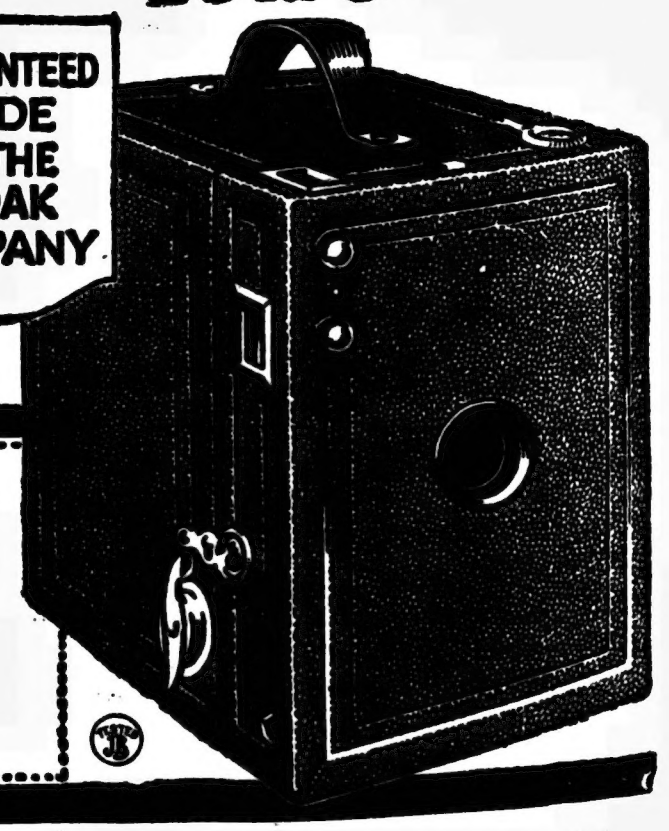

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The WORLD, *the* FLESH *& the* DEVIL

Autumn Leaves.

When the Government met Parliament this week for the autumn session, they had the Locarno "loving cup" as a cocktail to introduce a very disappointing repast of cold viands.

Squeezing in a "Squeeze."

Though there are only twenty-two full Parliamentary days before Christmas, the Government is going to find time for two more instalments of Protection Bills to make your gloves and your gas-mantles cost more.

We Scorn the Scorners.

A good deal of scorn is poured upon Mr. Baldwin's word-painting of a friendly world where everyone is neighbourly. Such ridicule connotes poor temper. Every architect draws a plan before building. Whether he succeeds or fails, that is the Premier's intention.

The Backbiters.

Now Parliament has reopened opportunity will be given Tory carpers to come out into the open. They'll not take it. They prefer snapping at Mr. Baldwin's heels, and slinking off when trained fighters appear.

Lie Down!

The Macquisten attitude on trade union levies is illustrative. Last session Mr. Baldwin quietly refused to throw the whole industrial world into agitated ferment and the Bill dropped. Mr. Macquisten is again blustering in his "stand and deliver" manner, but the Premier won't be moved.

Bridgeman's Abdication.

After allowing Earl Beatty to speak at the Guildhall as if he were the responsible Parliamentary head of the Admiralty, Mr. Bridgeman cannot be surprised if he is considered not strong enough for his job. When the overdue Cabinet reconstruction comes, this will not be forgotten.

"Off Side"?

This public lecturing of the Cabinet to their faces was not relished by all Ministers. It hardly fitted with Mr. Baldwin's description of the Government as a "united team" and "a team who attempt to play the game."

Beatty's Record.

Earl Beatty's retirement cannot be much longer delayed. At the Admiralty he has not repeated his war-time success. Posterity will think better of his naval exploits than his part in the brass-hat revolt against economy.

One for Us, Two for Himself.

Mr. Lloyd George's newly discovered fervour for land reform has a definite object. On it he hopes to ride to power, five years hence, if not sooner. We've had paradise pictured by ex-Ministers before.

New Sea Lord.

Press statements that Sir Osmond de B. Brock would succeed Earl Beatty at the Admiralty are falsified by Admiral Brock's appointment to Portsmouth. Our tip for First Sea Lord is Sir Charles Madden.

Cabinet Changes.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, the new Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is the sixth holder of the office since 1922. These continual changes certainly do not aid that continuity of policy which is essential to economy.

A Square Peg.

The latest Cabinet reshuffle is unsatisfactory from all viewpoints. While Mr. McNeill's wide knowledge of international affairs was useful at the Foreign Office, he has never specialised in finance and sixty-four is a late age to begin.

On the Up-grade.

Though the fall in registered unemployment needs to be checked by the corresponding figures for poor relief, employment is certainly on the mend in various areas, notably in the cotton districts. Iron and steel shares are being bought by the farseeing. When iron moves, everything moves.

Deterioration.

The longer idleness lasts the more evil its results. Men unemployed for years lose the will and the knack to work. Sadder still is the plight of youths, who through war's intervening, never learned how. That's the nut politicians have never yet attempted to crack.

For Santa's Sack.

That British toys in plenty are on the Christmas markets is good news. Toys have been too long neglected by home manufacturers. A source of sound profit, they are also important in forming childish ideas. That's why brains should go to their making.

Our Forecast True.

As we prophesied, the N.U.R. is to stand aloof from the proposed new industrial alliance. Railwaymen were astute enough to see a curtailment, not an enlargement, of their privileges in the scheme. Their suspicions were fully justified.

Beet Beating Profiteers.

Sixty thousand tons of home-grown beet sugar will soon reach the shops. Sugar prices, which rose by leaps and bounds, will begin to drop by halfpennies. At least, it's a beginning.

"JOHN BULL" pays £250 Insurance Benefit.

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By Passing the Hat.

Nine-tenths of the £600 election expenses of the Labour M.P. for Huddersfield were raised by gifts in the constituency—more than half by collections at meetings. In some 200 constituencies Labour is said to do it that way. The Tory back-benchers' "political levy" outcry worries Mr. Baldwin more than the trade unions.

A Right Step.

M. Paul Boncour is to put to the League of Nations proposals embodying the desire of France for further disarmament. The document is involved. It's a long, long way to the point where the burdens crushing Europe can be dropped. But it's as well that steps are turning there.

Orders Going Begging.

Common-sense, that lifted the embargo from foreign loans, must be invoked for resumption of trade with Russia. Only idiocy turns the question into one of politics. It is simply a good, commercial proposition.

While Others Hustle.

Italy and Germany have signed trade agreements with Russia. America finds markets there. While rivals capture the cash crass stupidity chokes off possible orders to this country. Business men, in their own interests, must alter the matter.

The Bread Line.

Bread is supplied to hospitals at 7½d. the four-pound loaf. With other food in proportion the cost of eating is 9s. 4d. per head a week. Compared with most working-class budgets as they exist outside, the facts are worth pondering.

Waste and Want.

While politicians prate of possible taxation of pictures and gramophones—small refinements redeeming small homes from sordidness—Army, Navy, and Civil Services are still run by squandermaniacs. Less harassing of industry and cuts at Whitehall are what we want.

Faked Money.

Persons handling odd Treasury notes will do well to examine them carefully. Clever forgeries are about. There's no meaner way of robbing the poor. Heavy retribution awaits the culprits—when they are caught.

Responsibility.

Dismissal of Alfred Arthur Kopsch's appeal was expected. That every man has two selves, one of which he is unable to control, is a doctrine too dangerous for any State to allow. More to the point is revision of the death sentence. Until that is done, public feeling against the hanging of boy murderers will continue to rise.

Whose Fault?

George Wilson, fifty-four, of no fixed home, smashed a large plate-glass window within a few minutes of his discharge from Bedford Prison, because he wanted to go back. There is something radically wrong with a civilisation that makes prison a better place for some people than the life they would have to lead in "freedom."

A Cruel Theft.

While they were away from home one evening, an aged Leicester couple named Stone, who for years had sold fruit to waiting queues in the town, had their house broken into and £300, their life savings, stolen from them. We sincerely hope that the ill-gotten money will bring nothing but trouble to the despicable thief.

Matrimonial "Ads."

The *Bristol Times and Mirror* seems none too particular in its acceptance of advertisements. In one issue we counted three matrimonial ads., and several dubious appeals for "friendship"—one from a young gentleman of twenty-four, who wished to meet a "sporty" girl of twenty-two to twenty-five. Such traps as these lead many girls to disaster.

Judicial Cement.

"Friendship is a thing not to be lightly broken," Judge Woodcock, K.C., at Leeds, told two old ladies. Friends from childhood, a difference arose between them, and they took it to court. The case came before a wise judge, whose humanity prevailed and who induced them to become friends once more. Would there were more of his type.

Stone Age Morals.

Jack Holland, electrical engineer, of Harrogate, said in his own defence when his wife brought a summons against him for assault, that he claimed the right to give her "a good hiding." He was bound over to keep the peace for six months, in the sum of £20, so he has probably altered his opinions by now, since he finds that his pocket suffers by them.

Soft Sentence for a Brute.

William Williams, a roadman, of Bronllys, Talgarth, kicked his wife and struck her so severely on the head with a file that she was unable to give evidence against him for a month after the attack. Now he is spending nine months in jail for his activity, a sentence that, we hope, will help him to realise the error of his ways. But why in the second division?

The Law is a Ass.

Nonsensical restrictions are a hindrance to trade's recovery. In Manchester, a tradesman has had to pay a fine for selling a banana in "prohibited hours" under a law Mr. R. E. Boardman, chairman of the City bench, does not hesitate to describe as asinine. Unless common-sense prevails there may be prohibited hours for the supply of mother's milk to babes.

Chance for Charitable.

Without a job for years, and not in receipt of the dole or Poor Law relief, Louis Schon, of Mason Street, Runcorn, could not see his wife and children starving. So he went out to get a rabbit from the land to keep them alive, and was caught. Jobs for men who want them would save many from breaking the law of the land. Won't some one in Runcorn give Louis a chance to live and to go straight?

The Penalty of Motherhood.

Mr. Walter Lindley, a Coalville magistrate, made a humane decision when he refused to allow a woman and her ten children to be turned into the street. An ejectment order has been hanging over her head for two years, but landlords don't open their doors to tenants with large families. This case is yet another proof of the failure of local authorities to provide homes for those most in need of them.

The Hunted Stag.

Animal lovers are glad that a stag hunted into the sea by the Mid-Kent Staghounds swam three miles out where its pursuers dare not follow and eventually regained the shore and escaped. Stag-hunting is a blot on our national reputation for sport, and the idlers who practise it are lower in the human scale than the most primitive savage who hunts only that he may eat.

Jerry Builders' Chance.

The profiteering operations of the jerry builder is in many districts being exposed. Although a builder himself, and one who knows how badly Stalybridge needs houses, Alderman Storrs has courageously set his face against the erection of houses which in a few years' time must have a slum character. He might suggest that shameless exploitation of the people's needs should be treated as a crime.

Men who Matter.

The world can do without coal magnates, but not without men like George Waldeck, of Nottingham, who on every working day for forty-six years has tramped to his job at a colliery and earned his daily bread, his journeying approximating to 138,000 miles. It is by the steady work of the toilers that the whole structure of civilisation is supported, not by the words of the politicians.

Fiddlededee.

There's a quarrel in high quarters at Poole. The harbour commissioners named two new barges *Dum* and *Dee*. Promptly the Board of Trade raised objection; the names were undignified. The commissioners added a few letters and the barges are now *Tweedledum* and *Tweedledee*. There is no absurdity so absurd as solemn absurdity. Poole, convulsed with laughter, thinks the Trade Board has reached it.

The Human Machine

Fighting Blood

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

I CAME across a type of man the other day for whom I have little use—spineless, mentally anæmic, and devoid of the good red blood that makes a man a man.

Things were going wrong, and at the first hint of difficulty he had collapsed like a punctured balloon.

No moral stamina, no mental push—and not an atom of self-respect. It never seemed to occur to him that his pride should have refused to admit defeat until at any rate he had fought his fight.

Give me the man of fighting blood! Give me the man who regards difficulties as a spur to further endeavour—who sees in obstacles a challenge to his abilities!

I like the man who never knows when he is beaten, who refuses to admit defeat. Such a man, if he uses his brains, can turn many a defeat into a victory by sheer, dogged pluck.

STAND up to your difficulties. What does it matter if your work crumbles into dust before your eyes? Have you not "heart and brawn and muscle" with which to build from the ruins a better edifice than ever before?

Have you not, too, the invaluable experience that failure buys—a beacon by whose light you can avoid the dangers that tripped you up before?

But, when you fight, be sure you are fighting realities. "See life steadily and see it whole"—and don't waste your energy fighting shadows.

For he who fights shadows fights his own soul.

Wine of Cana.

Because four bottles of wine and whisky are among the prizes in the Christmas draw of the cricket club connected with Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, some of the local teetotallers are seething with indignation. Why they should try to raise Cain is beyond comprehension. Have they never heard of the Miracle of Cana, and are they dead to the spirit of Christmas?

His Feelings Ignored.

A clinging affection for his old homestead proved too much for Robert Smith, an elderly farm worker, who, for half a century, had lived in the same cottage at Stanton, St. Quentin. When the new owner gave him notice in order to obtain occupation Smith cut his throat rather than leave it alive. The coroner termed it insanity. We should have said the old man had a broken heart.

Six in a Stable.

At Middleton-St.-George, a few miles from Darlington, a family of six are forced to make their home in a stable. It measures 13 ft. by 10 ft., there is not a single window in the building, and the roof leaks. Sanitary arrangements are non-existent. We have heard some terrible stories of hardship due to the housing shortage, but few to equal this. Small wonder if children raised in such an atmosphere turn out in the end to be "Reds."

The Mistake God Made.

Birmingham is famed for more than screws and cocoa. Such is the moral rectitude shown by shocked citizens that shopkeepers scarce dare display wax figures in underclothes. Pavlova, that supreme artiste, changes some of her daintiest numbers when dancing before blushing Birmingham. It cannot endure legs. Yet children are born without clothes. God, in His plan of creation, evidently failed to remember the Birmingham city fathers.

Beer and Bagdad.

Some weeks ago we commented on the amount of German lager supplied by the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes to the troops in Iraq. We now learn that the policy of "N.A.A.F.I." to create a demand for nothing but British brands has proved successful, and that there have been no German consignments for some time.

Honesty Best.

Mr. Justice Avory believes that a man who is striving should be helped to make good. He has reduced to fifteen months the sentence of two years' hard labour given Albert Guntrip at Oxfordshire Sessions for being concerned in a burglary, because he has lately shown every indication of working hard to live honestly when work is to be got. Given half a chance to work on coming out, we believe Guntrip will respond to the leniency.

From the Bottom Up.

The new mayor of Worcester, Alderman W. J. Hill, began life as an office boy, rose step by step to the managership, and finally to take over the concern where he was first employed. Now as Worcester's leading citizen he stands out as an example of what steady application and perseverance can do. It's the first years of hard work with small pay that so many fall foul of. Alderman Hill plodded through them to high reward.

Cutting Both Ways.

Under the chairmanship of Sir Donald Macl... a committee, appointed by the Secretary of St... for Dominion Affairs, is to consider how fa... old-age pensions, National Health, and Un... ployment Insurance discourage emigration, a... how a similar tendency, likely to be promoted by... the Widows, Orphans, and Old-age Contributory... Pensions' Act, can be counteracted. Better... be a committee appointed to consider ways and... means to make land more accessible to the people... on both sides of the water. Then the... worries won't arise.

Robbing the Workless.

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Ware—a Clever Thief!

There is a well-dressed ... manner who has victimised s... in Southport. His method ... expensive articles, which he ... show to his wife, who is co... costly limousine just outs... aboard the limousine they ... astonished shopkeeper has t... tradespeople to be on their ...

Publicity Asked For.

Terrible wrongs to his da... girls were proved at Exeter ... Henry Stephens, a widowe... man to five years' penal ser... expressed horror that a co... cases came from Plymouth ... spreading of the fact that ju... cases of interference with ... fathers or brothers, were ... exemplary punishment. T...

Looking for Trouble.

Unhappy is the child wh... of Nottingham before on... Eager to find trouble, he e... child of eleven who had ... sickness that she had take... girl's mother said she had ... made no complaint of theft ... child charged in the juvenil... the magistrates had more se... and he was sent away with ...

Fit for Heroes!

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Robbing the Workless.

The old ramp of giving a man a job on condition that he "invests" his savings or borrowed money in a concern is going on as merrily as ever—with the result that very soon the poor fellows find their capital and their job gone. The one way to stop this fraud is for everyone offered work on a condition of "investing" money to write to JOHN BULL before he parts with a penny.

Government Sweating.

The workers at the Royal Army Clothing Department, Pimlico, are putting up a spirited fight for a living wage. The pittances at present paid are lower than those obtaining in the majority of private tailoring firms, and these in most instances are low enough in all conscience. The War Office, instead of being as it should be, a model employer, is setting a disgraceful example of sweating. The whole thing is a scandal.

The Silent Legions.

The real tragedy in the case of Captain Booth, V.C., was not his brief sojourn in the Dorking workhouse, but the disclosure that a man who during the War we delighted to honour has managed to find no settled employment. The proud decoration worn by Captain Booth serves to focus public attention upon his misfortunes, but it will be a poor compliment to him to forget the thousands of brave men who have suffered in silence for seven long years.

Ware—a Clever Thief!

There is a well-dressed man with a plausible manner who has victimised a number of tradesmen in Southport. His method is to call and select expensive articles, which he asks to be allowed to show to his wife, who is conveniently sitting in a costly limousine just outside the shop. Once aboard the limousine they are away before the astonished shopkeeper has time to act. We advise tradespeople to be on their guard.

Publicity Asked For.

Terrible wrongs to his daughter and other little girls were proved at Exeter against John Samuel Henry Stephens, a widower. In sentencing the man to five years' penal servitude, Judge Rowlatt expressed horror that a constant stream of such cases came from Plymouth. He asked for wide spreading of the fact that judges, confronted with cases of interference with little girls by their fathers or brothers, were determined to give exemplary punishment. The warning is needed.

Looking for Trouble.

Unhappy is the child who cries in the streets of Nottingham before one zealous policeman. Eager to find trouble, he elicited from a crying child of eleven who had suffered from sleepy sickness that she had taken £2, and when the girl's mother said she had missed the money but made no complaint of theft the policeman had the child charged in the juvenile court. Fortunately, the magistrates had more sense than the constable, and he was sent away with a flea in his ear.

Fit for Heroes!

Before the War, Frederick Hughes had a stall in the market at Totnes. He had held it for thirty-five years, but when he joined the Army another person took it. When he returned it was not available for him, so he had to go outside. The result was that he was summoned for causing an obstruction and fined 5s. It seems a terrible thing that a war hero should be subjected to such treatment when he comes back to civilian life and endeavours to earn an honest living.

Stiggins in South Wales.

The Free Churches of Tonyrefail, South Wales, who hold a joint singing festival every Christmas, have decided that no musician who has lectured at the Workman's Club shall be invited to take part. What is the terrible, contaminating influence that this club has upon those who are good enough to lecture there? Why should one who has entered its portals, even for one brief evening, be considered unworthy? You will never guess. It is because the club holds a drink licence! Shocking!

Grape Fruit Profits.

According to a Covent Garden man, five times as much grape fruit has been sold this year as last. The satisfied salesman did not attempt to explain the mystery of the wide difference of the price of each fruit in retail shops. Such prices as 9d., 7d. and 3½d. for fruit that is practically identical in size and taste bewilder the housewife. The grape-fruit habit will not be adopted by mothers with large families while such prices rule.

The Old Teeth Twisters.

We have already criticised one firm who advertise fancy prices for old teeth, but who actually pay only a few shillings. Several complaints have reached us in this respect regarding J. H. Lewin, North Gate, New Basford, Nottingham, which would appear to be the new name for the Nottingham Tooth Company. The prices paid may or may not be fair; but, at any rate, they are far below the advertised prices, and numerous people are being misled in consequence.

"Confidence" Trick.

A rascal, Philip Valentine, for a small sum, bought the fishing trawler *Confidence*, and with Percival Jolly, a Liverpool auctioneer and estate agent, operated a confidence trick. "Six young men of spirit for a world's voyage" were sought by a newspaper advertisement. One replied, and, representing theirs to be "an old-established trawling business," they offered him a partnership and robbed him of £150. The way for rogues is an easy one when newspapers accept such mug-catching advertisements.

Wrong Wright.

Most people reading the advertisement of Doc Wright would have a good laugh and pass on; but, unfortunately, there are many whom it is necessary to warn against even the most transparent quacks. Doc Wright advertises for agents to sell his Herbal Beans. "Send for a good selling Sample Parcel of Packets and Boxes, with a good supply of free tasters to give to your customers." It is the would-be agents who get "sold," for Doc Wright takes their cash, but the "beans" are not forthcoming. Disappointed people would give Doc Wright "beans" if they could get hold of him.

A Travelling Twister.

Since a Hull reader sent him a money order for £4 7s. 5d. for drapery goods, Mr. E. Grocock, late of 20, Osborne Road, Levershulme, Manchester, has taken to travelling. When the goods did not arrive our reader wired to Mr. Grocock and received a reply "Leaving Thursday." But it was Grocock who left—not the goods! Later a letter came saying that the goods would be sent on Saturday "without fail." The paper was headed Manchester, but the postmark on the envelope was "Scarborough." Saturday did not bring the goods, and our reader wrote to Manchester. After some delay his letter was returned—from Blackpool. The police have got a slippery customer to deal with.

The Thrift Twist.

Although it has not been in business very long, the Provident Thrift Association has already flitted from 11, Old Bond Street to 31, Newman Street, Oxford Street, and continues to use the former address on its note-paper. If you purchase a book of four coupons from this association for 4s. and sell each coupon to someone else who is prepared to purchase a book of coupons on his own account, you will receive a savings certificate for 16s. So they say! A similar scheme, but with silk hosiery as prizes instead of savings certificates, is being worked by La Jornesse, 58, Maddox Street, Bond Street. We would advise our readers to shun both concerns and keep their money.

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XMAS GIFT TO YOU
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Problems of Life

The Pain Makers

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

MARY CHOLMONDELEY speaks in one of her novels of the people who seem to derive satisfaction from hurting others. They leave a little train of pain behind them wherever they go, she says. They say and do things of set purpose in order to stab, wound and annoy, not because they have any ground of offence against their victims, but because they take a malicious pleasure in causing unhappiness.

Dr. R. J. Campbell

It is said of Napoleon that, notwithstanding his popularity with the soldiers he led, he was never able to awaken loyal and lasting personal affection in any human breast, and that the reason for this lack was his propensity for lacerating the feelings of those about him.

At the height of his power, when he was the most dreaded figure in the world and looked upon as a sort of demi-god, it was his wont to amuse himself at his imperial court by saying disagreeable and humiliating things to everyone he met.

"How red your elbows are!" he would remark to one lady. "Why don't you change your dress? It is most unbecoming to you," he would say to another. His ministers learned to expect insults from him and sometimes physical violence which they dared not resent.

No wonder they hated him even while they admired his genius. Obsequiousness he demanded and got, but at the price of love.

THE ability to attract love is part of the endowment of the highest kind of personal dignity.

The late King Edward had it in an uncommon measure. He had as quick an eye as Napoleon for incorrectness of costume; it was very characteristic of him to notice such things; but his kindness of heart and thoughtful consideration for those who served him were still more so. No man ever took a liberty twice, and yet he was able to evoke devoted attachment.

Exactly the same is true of a very different kind of man, the great Labour leader, Keir Hardie. He could put the fear of God into a cad quicker than any man I ever knew; but to see him as I once did with a sick child in his arms, which he was nursing as tenderly as any mother could, was to understand why he was so passionately adored by his followers.

THE people who go about sticking pins in their neighbours to see them squirm, who enjoy making a friend wince under the flick of a sarcasm, who are ever ready with a spiteful comment or a vitriolic suggestion, may be dreaded—they usually are—but they will be detested too; few will seek their company and none their intimacy.

A PARAGON OF SWINDLERS

HOAXING THE HOUSE HUNTER

A "Safety First" Fraud

COMPLAINTS are reaching us from all quarters concerning the Paragon Insurance Company, Ltd., of 50-51, High Holborn, W.C., which, under the pretext of advancing money for house-purchase, contrives to secure a remarkable number of dupes.

Immediately after we referred to this concern some time ago a Chiswick reader, who had been appointed as agent for the Paragon, sent in his resignation. Mr. Woodham, who replied, was quite hurt.

"We regret the decision that you have taken, as it is evident you have not made enquiries as to whether the statements contained in the articles are true. For your information, we have arranged advances to policy-holders quite recently of over £17,000, and, what is more, no policy-holder of this company has ever been refused an advance under the terms of his policy."

This is all quite believable. We have no doubt that they regret the loss of a dupe. We have no doubt that they have "arranged" advances; but we have no record of them ever having *made* an advance.

The protecting policy

They may never have refused an advance "under the terms of their policies," but it would appear to be in those self-same terms that the whole "snag" of their business lies.

These policies, which are supposed to cover the "insured," really cover the Paragon. "Safety First" is evidently their motto, and both in the body of the policies and in the nineteen conditions printed on the back they live up to it with a vengeance.

The truth is that the majority of this company's dupes are illiterate folk who are induced to sign the agreement either through misrepresentation on the part of the agents or from sheer ignorance. Once having signed they would appear to be entirely at the mercy of the Paragon.

Having paid the first premium, a client is told that he may select his own property. When he has done so the Paragon call for a surveyor's fee (which fee seems to be graded according to the means of the client).

The game as played

The client then learns that the company is only prepared to advance a portion of the purchase-price of the house he has selected, and the company inform him very curtly that he must find the balance himself or arrange a second mortgage. The Paragon know very well that their client will be unable to do this—*that is their game.*

The disappointed client reluctantly lets his hoped-for house slide and sets out to look for another. He finds one and the same thing happens. In desperation he asks to be absolved from his contract. Then, and only then, he discovers how he has been duped.

The Paragon curtly inform him that they are prepared to stand by their contract, but are not willing to cancel the policy or to return the premiums that have been paid. Of course they are prepared to stand by their contract. When it is all in their favour why should they do otherwise?

These flagrant swindlers would appear to be legally unassailable, yet the fact remains that they are preying upon poor, misguided people and fleecing them of their savings.

Complaints which we have received have all been from people who could ill-afford to lose their money, and quite apart from that side of the question it is a terribly cruel fraud upon house-hunters, who are led to believe that they are at last to be given an opportunity of building a home.

Charles Woodham, who is the managing director of the Paragon, was also connected with another swindling concern, known as the Utility Insurance Co., Ltd.

Answering an advertisement in the *Evening News*, an Edmonton reader got into touch with an agent of the Utility Insurance Company at 5, Caxton Road, Shepherd's Bush. This agent's first question was whether our reader had any money, and said he could have a policy "straight away" for two pounds.

Our reader was wise enough not to commit himself. He has since received a communication through the post setting forth terms and conditions that tally with those of the Paragon. Our reader then wrote to us for advice, and naturally we have been able to confirm his doubts.

A widespread net

But though JOHN BULL saves many, there are others who are being drawn into the nets of these enterprising companies, particularly the Paragon; and it is preposterous that they should be able to continue their nefarious schemes.

That is why the alluring advertisements of the Paragon Assurance Company and its grandiloquent literature should be very carefully perused by all prospective clients before they sign their name to anything relating to the very interesting schemes of this concern.

Wicked Wireless · Wangles

Honest Traders Robbed

THERE are in this country to-day a number of firms trading as wireless merchants and agents, who are obtaining accessories from perfectly reliable firms without intention of ever paying for them.

Since we referred in a recent issue to a defaulting firm named C. F. Kidby, Ltd., 7-9, City Road, E.C., we have received a great deal of further information.

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We have been communicated with by a well-known business house, which is inundated with complaints about wireless swindlers of the type to which we refer. But, taking for the moment the case of Kidby, Ltd., we certainly think there is ample evidence for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

A Manchester reader sent them £10 worth of goods on approbation, but received no cash, nor can he get his goods back. When he came to London, he was just too late—Kidby & Co. had skedaddled!

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Take another case. A Bedford firm supplied goods to the value of £45, and, getting no money and hearing nothing further, they obtained a judgment summons. This has been of no use to them as Kidby's are still in hiding.

Another Manchester firm has a writ against Kidby's for £46 17s. 11d., but they have little hope of receiving their money, for Mr. C. F. Kidby and his fellow-director, Alfred Sydney Taylor, are elusive gentlemen.

They are not unlike another wireless firm which is making itself unpopular in the trade—the Universal Commerce Agencies, Ltd., who, when they received goods from certain firms, immediately left their registered offices at 42, Wilson Street.

This company was incorporated in November, 1924, with a nominal capital of £200, but, as far as has been disclosed, the capital subscribed is only £6—Mr. Richard Redman Scharlan having five shares and Mr. Leonard Jenkins one share.

The directors are given as Mr. Scharlan, who describes himself as an accountant, and Mr. Henry Primrose, a Rumanian subject, who is described as a commercial agent.

Enquiries at their stores at 11, Hanway Place reveal no trace of such a concern. It is an interesting fact that at least one of these "shady" firms, when touting for orders, give the name of an equally shady firm as reference.

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Several well-known firms have writs out against them, but up to the present there has been no hint of a prosecution.

We certainly are of the opinion that this is a case in which the Public Prosecutor should take action.

A Crafty Corporation

Pig-headed Officialdom

THE gentlemen who constitute the Rawtenstall Corporation would appear to be a band whose sense of fairness is badly warped.

This corporation recently summoned the Ribble Motor Services Ltd., of Preston, for plying for hire within the borough without a licence, and disclosures made reflect very little credit upon them.

It appears that, in September, 1923, the Ribble Motor Services applied for omnibus licences to enable them to run a long-distance service through Rawtenstall.

Ministry flouted

Though they gave an undertaking that they would charge fares sufficiently high to prevent them competing with the corporation's tramways licences were refused on the ground that the corporation were hoping to run omnibuses themselves.

The corporation, however, were unable to obtain powers from Parliament to run omnibuses on routes outside the borough unless and until they obtained the consent of the Minister of Transport.

But without even applying to the Minister of Transport they commenced running outside the borough in 1924, over a route already served by the Ribble Motor Services.

Later the corporation applied for the Minister's consent to run on two routes outside the borough, and the Ribble Services gave notice of objection and also notified the Town Clerk of Rawtenstall and the Minister of Transport that, having regard to the corporation's action, they proposed to commence a service in the borough.

The outcome of this was that the Minister of Transport held a special enquiry at the Town Hall, in Rawtenstall. Up to February this year his decision had not been reached, and in that month four summonses were taken out against the Ribble Services.

Before these summonses came up for hearing, however, the Minister's decision was given, and it was to the effect that the Ribble Services ought to be granted the licence they had applied for.

Persistent obstinacy

In spite of this decision, the corporation still refused to issue the necessary licences and their summonses were proceeded with.

The Rawtenstall borough magistrates considered that the summonses should be withdrawn and that no further proceedings should be instituted until the corporation had placed themselves in the right with the Minister of Transport.

The pig-headed corporation refused to withdraw their summonses, and the magistrates imposed a nominal fine of 1s, without costs in each case.

The Rawtenstall Corporation have little to be proud of. From first to last they have exhibited a most unjustifiable attitude. It is a sorry thing when a public body behaves in such a selfish manner.

Fraser Must Be Found!

Fee-Snatcher Still Free

LAST week we cautioned readers against having anything to do with Thomas H. Fraser, of the Globe Press Agency, 6, Lovell's Court, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.4.

Since our article was written a man named Sidney Hicks has been brought up at the Guildhall Police Court on the charge of being in unlawful possession of six registered postal packets addressed to T. H. Fraser at the above premises.

Now, 6, Lovell's Court is the headquarters of the Stationery Supplies Co., which allows people to have their letters addressed there.

Humble beginning

It appears that in the middle of October a man called and asked to rent a letter-box on behalf of Mr. T. H. Fraser. This was arranged at a rental of £4 per month, and subsequently a carpenter called and painted "T. H. Fraser" on the box.

Thus the Globe Press Agency, of "International Scope and Headquarters in New York," opened its London office.

Once established, "they" lost no time in sending out thousands of circulars, asking for a fee of 5s. in return for a "personal news item of direct interest" to the persons solicited.

With replies pouring in daily their "office" rental and cost of circulars would be wiped off very quickly and a fat profit reaped.

Needless to say, people who sent money heard nothing further, and complaints were made to JOHN BULL and the police. Observation was kept on the premises, which resulted in the arrest of Sidney Hicks, who has been merely fined for his part in the affair.

Feigned ignorance

The story told by Hicks was that he was only collecting the letters for Mr. Fraser, who had arranged to meet him, but had failed to keep the appointment. He stated that he did not know the nature of Fraser's business or his private address. He had made the acquaintance of Fraser at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, High Holborn.

We are of the opinion that Hicks knows a great deal more about Fraser (who is a rascal also going by the name of Barnard) than he has told the police, and we think that Fraser should be caught without delay.

We again warn readers to be very wary of *any* circulars, no matter how plausible and genuine they may appear, and on no account to forward money in advance.

So far as the Globe Press Agency is concerned, however, if all readers who have lost money will send their complaints to us we will see that the police are called upon to make the fullest investigation in order that Thomas H. Fraser, alias Barnard, may be made to pay for his plundering activities.

A SCOTLAND YARD MYSTERY

INSTRUCTIONS FLAGRANTLY IGNORED

Searching Enquiry Needed

ARE the ends of justice being defeated by a leakage of information from New Scotland Yard?

From certain facts in the possession of JOHN BULL there appears to be every justification for this suggestion.

For four years Sir Wyndham Childs, the head of the C.I.D., has been engaged upon the task of circumventing the propagandist activities of Communists.

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Eight weeks ago, a certain prominent London daily newspaper published the names of two men very definitely associated with the Communist Party, and who were to be dealt with by the authorities, who were about to carry out a round-up of Communists.

In consequence of the publication of this news, the gentlemen in question were forewarned and official action delayed. There had obviously been a leakage of information.

Mysterious happenings

Some weeks later, when a number of Communists were actually arrested (four in number), the news of two appeared in two London dailies.

Behind this brief recital of facts there lies a story of mystery that only a very thorough Governmental enquiry can solve.

Ever since the cessation of the War there has been a Press Bureau at Scotland Yard, where at certain times of the day London newspaper men gather to receive any official information which the authorities deem it wise to broadcast.

The information given out is somewhat limited both in variety and in quantity, as the official who presides is only able to carry out his instructions from a higher source, and is not at liberty to use his own discretion.

On the afternoon of October 21 last, two Communists, Mr. Arthur McManus and Mr. J. W. Murphy, were arrested in London somewhere in the neighbourhood of five o'clock.

Within a very short time the Press men gathered at the Yard for their evening conference with the Press Bureau official were informed of this, and were also privileged with a visit from Sir Wyndham Childs, who told those present that two more arrests would be made some time that night, but as the time and place were both indefinite he considered it unwise to mention the names.

Sir Wyndham Childs

Sir Wyndham promised, however, that when the two men were arrested, information would at once be passed round to the Press through the medium of the official on duty in what is known as the Back Hall at Scotland Yard.

Throughout the evening, and well into the night, a number of Pressmen waited about for news, the last leaving the Yard about one o'clock; but no information was available.

A long vigil

At 5 a.m. that morning two Press men, who had been on duty all night awaiting news of the arrests, called at the Back Hall.

Still there was no information, despite the fact that Mr. Page Arnot, a well-known Communist, had been arrested in Bloomsbury round about midnight, and Mr. Walter Hannington, a fellow member of the Communist executive, had been detained by police officers at Plymouth in the evening, and was then well on his way to London.

Nevertheless, the daily paper mentioned above contained definite news of the two men's arrests in an edition which comes out about one o'clock, and another daily paper proclaimed the news in its last issue.

Why was not the information broadcast to the London Press? Somebody blundered; somebody disobeyed the orders of his chief.

The officer in charge of the Special Branch at the Yard on that particular night had definite instructions to send the information of the final arrests down to the Back Hall inspector at once. How is it that only two papers got the information?

The following day representatives of two accredited newspaper agencies and also of a leading London daily paper had an interview with Sir Wyndham Childs, and requested that attempts should be made to determine the real cause of a leakage of information on the one side, and the failure to comply with instructions on the other.

Sir Wyndham thereupon promised to enquire into the whole matter, and asked for a report.

Home Secretary must enquire

That report has now been received, and the gist of it, we understand, is that the officer responsible for sending out the news through the usual channel on that night had deemed it unwise to do so, as the men were not actually arrested until seven o'clock on Thursday morning, the Communists then having only been detained.

There, apparently, the matter is to be allowed to remain. No disciplinary action has been taken against any official in regard to the matter, nor has any enquiry been made beyond Sir Wyndham's request for a report.

Here is a glaring case of instructions not being carried out, and of a certain newspaper having privileged information. It is an incident which demands a thorough and searching enquiry. What has the Home Secretary to say?

Bitter Sweets from Demerara

Shady Sugar Swindle

ABOUT a month ago, we drew attention to the lying prospectus which had been issued by a concern called the Demerara Sugar Estates, Ltd.

On reading our exposures, a York reader, who had invested £120 in this concern, hastened to write for his money to be refunded. He was informed by the secretary that his request would be put before the directors, and ultimately learnt that their decision was that the shares could not be cancelled.

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He wrote again, saying that he would have to take further steps to obtain a return of his money, and after several weeks' delay the secretary replied that he would "take an early opportunity" of laying the matter before his directors; meanwhile he suggested that he should sell the shares on our reader's behalf!

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In desperation, our reader wrote to the trustees for the debenture stock—The Right Honourable Lord Napier and Ettrick and Major G. E. Pitt, B.A., B.Litt. He received replies from both these gentlemen to the effect that they had resigned their positions and had broken off all relations with the company almost as soon as the prospectus was issued! This was also the action taken by one director, Mr. H. A. Gieve.

While JOHN BULL is able to claim considerable credit for having directed public attention to this shady scheme in the first instance, there are no doubt hundreds of people in the unfortunate position of our York reader. That they will never see their money again seems certain; for the company is evidently in a very rocky condition—a cheque for £50 which they recently tendered for payment was returned to the payee marked "R.D."

What has become of all the money that must have poured into the company's coffers?

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This company has been boosted by the Western Counties Incorporated Trust, Ltd., a notorious concern which has behind it a gang of bogus company promoters. How these crooks contrive to obtain reputable names in support of their various swindles is something of a mystery. It is clear the company law needs complete revision.

PEPPER'S PURPLE PAST

FRAUDS BY A HEARTLESS ROGUE

A One-Man Association

ABOUT a month ago an interesting advertisement appeared in various London newspapers, calling for travellers, who would receive a salary of £5 per week provided they were able to invest the sum of £50.

The advertisement emanated from the British and Colonial Agricultural, Horticultural and Stockbreeders' Association and National Farmers' Club.

This high-sounding concern was found to be occupying temporary offices consisting of two rooms in the basement of 47, Upper Berkeley Street, W., and the secretary, Mr. W. Pepper, informed an applicant that the agents were required to canvass traders and farmers.

The £50 investment would be in shares of a new company to carry on the club, which was being backed by a very eminent agriculturist and other influential gentlemen.

Pressed for executive names, Mr. Pepper gave that of Sir John Goldfinch, a gentleman who apparently does not exist.

Thinking that perhaps Mr. Pepper's tongue had slipped, we ourselves approached Sir *Arthur* Goldfinch, who informed us that he knew nothing whatever of the association beyond the fact that he had given a donation at the instance of a friend.

Pepper's pamphlets

Now, Mr. Pepper is distributing pamphlets to applicants which give detailed descriptions of the many activities of this queer association.

To our knowledge there are three pamphlets, but they are styled Booklet 251, Booklet 252, and Booklet 253, thereby creating the impression that the organiation is of considerable dimensions.

If this is the case, then it is surely very remarkable that no mention is made of any president or chairman or committee other than Mr. Pepper's verbal declaration, which has been proved to be at fault.

Not being altogether satisfied with matters, we decided to institute enquiries, and the result of these would seem to suggest that Mr. Pepper is indeed very hot stuff.

Coincidence is a very wonderful thing, and it is most remarkable that a gentleman of the same name and initial is known to us as possessing an interesting past.

Enterprising adventure

In 1922 a Mr. F. W. Pepper was trading as the Wholesale Agricultural Supplies Company, Borough Market, S.E., and as Bell and Pepper, of Greenwich Market, and 96, Shoe Lane, E.C. In 1923 he was connected with Jarvis and Co., vegetable salesmen, of 5, Southwark Street, S.E., and later of Redcross Street, Borough, S.E.

In connection with the last last-named concern, a Lincolnshire reader was badly swindled.

We have one or two other interesting records of Mr. W. Pepper, which we can afford to pass over as being of minor importance. But, in 1924, we find him to have risen to the position of secretary of the Covent Garden Club, in Great Queen Street.

This position he did not hold for long, however, as the club was struck off the register and Pepper was fined £20 on each of four summonses for supplying drinks during prohibited hours and selling without a licence.

But he was not long in cropping up again, for in the same year he opened the Long Acre Club, at 54A, Long Acre, W.C.2. In this venture he took on a partner at a salary of £5 per week on the understanding that he was to invest £230.

The partner paid £25 on account, but a few days later told Pepper that he was not satisfied, and asked for his money back. He was given a cheque for £25, which was returned by the bank marked "R.D."

He immediately prosecuted Pepper, who was sent to prison for nine months for obtaining money by false pretences and incurring credit without disclosing the fact that he was an undischarged bankrupt.

So Mr. Pepper went to jail, owing substantial sums for wines and cigarettes that he had obtained from caterers for sale in his precious club.

One of his creditors was a tobacconist in Great Queen Street, who, being only in a small way of business, was seriously affected by this rogue's cruel deception.

Now, nine months' confinement in His Majesty's jail affords one ample time for private meditation, and it looks very much as if Mr. W. Pepper had devoted his time to thinking out some fresh schemes of roguery.

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We should not in the least bit be surprised to learn that nine months of concentrated thought have produced the British and Colonial Agricultural, Horticultural and Stockbreeders' Association and National Farmers' Club.

A nine-worded title in nine months! Yes; it seems a reasonable output, and, considering the nature of the scheme, one worthy of W. Pepper.

The Siamese twins

Yes, there is no doubt about it. "Fred" Pepper, otherwise F. W. Pepper, who went to jail for fraud in the manner we have just described, is one and the same as is "W. Pepper." He is the man who is telling such grandiose stories about this queer association and the National Farmers' Club, about to be opened at Grosvenor Court, Knightsbridge, S.W.

Who, after this, can pin their faith to this very hot stuff Pepper?

A Terrible Trio

Police Answer Our Call

OUR campaign against the scoundrels behind the drug traffic is beginning to show satisfactory results, and we are glad that our repeated appeals to Scotland Yard have at last been heeded.

A few days after our reference to certain dens in Limehouse, the police took action and carried out some sensational arrests.

Three Chinamen were captured—Loi Quai, Lok Kwai, and Chong Pow. These three scoundrels were charged with being in possession of prohibited drugs and utensils for opium-smoking.

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As a result, they were all sentenced to short terms of imprisonment, and Lok Kwai and Chong Pow were recommended for deportation. Loi Quai's deportation was not recommended, presumably on account of the low state of his health.

Judging from his record, he should have been sent out of the country long ago. There have been several previous convictions against him for running a gambling hell, for possessing opium-smoking utensils, and for keeping a disorderly house.

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Why has the Home Secretary ignored these three chances of deporting a dangerous character?

Lok Kwai has made several journeys between this country and China, and has no doubt been instrumental in smuggling a great deal of opium into London. Chong Pow has previously been fined for possessing utensils for opium-smoking.

We demand that the magistrate's recommendations be acted upon. These demons must not be allowed to remain in our midst. Reports show that the drug traffic is steadily increasing, and if it is to be stamped out there must be no half measures.

The rogues behind this ghastly trade are many and their organisation is elaborate. Their activities are not confined to the Chinatown district of the East End.

It is known that there are at least eight notorious dens within an easy distance of Leicester Square, where opium can be obtained and smoked.

At these places elaborate precautions are taken against raids. Some are guarded by half a dozen dogs, whilst others have alarm-bells fitted to all windows and doors.

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We urge the police to follow up the Limehouse raid with others and to keep on with untiring efforts, and when known offenders are brought to book, we demand that they be deported at once.

Expensive Bargains

Agent's Awkward Position

ADVERTISEMENTS are appearing in many daily newspapers which offer wonderful bargains in the way of blankets, bedding, carpets and other household goods. These advertisements are particularly interesting to poor housewives who can only afford to buy goods of this kind when they are really cheap.

The firm that advertises the bargains to which we have referred is called the Manchester Warehouse Company, of Manchester. It is run by a person named H. Riley. Many people who have sent money for goods cannot get them, nor can they get any replies to letters.

One of our readers, Mr. W. Dwindley, of Maidstone, has had a sad experience of the Manchester Warehouse Company. Being out of work, he agreed to act as agent, and undertook to canvass to get orders. He got a number of orders and sent them on to the enterprising Mr. Riley, explaining to his clients that their bargains would be received very soon. They have not come.

Golden silence

Mr. Dwindley is being worried by the people, who now consider that he has let them down. All appeals to Manchester are in vain. Mr. Riley does not condescend to answer his Maidstone agent's letters.

The poor fellow is in a very bad position. He is an ex-Service man, without a pension, and has a wife and family to support. The people naturally expect him to be responsible for the money they handed to him for goods which have not come.

Mr. Riley is not at his Manchester address—he unceremoniously left that a few days ago. Letters addressed to him there from deluded bargain-seekers are now being returned marked "Gone away."

Manchester seems to be a favourite spot for tricky merchants like this. Our readers will remember that only last week we exposed another rascal in the same line of "business," named William Currie.

If we are not mistaken we have heard the name of H. Riley before. Just before the War, a man named Henry Riley ran two swindling concerns, called Henry Riley & Co. and the Lancashire Clothing Club. Curiously enough, both these concerns did precisely the same thing that has been done by Mr. H. Riley of the Manchester Warehouse Company.

Very similar methods

Looking into the matter, we find that, in the Lancashire Clothing Club case, the Riley concerned was eventually arrested and sent to gaol—a fitting award for his wicked plundering of the poor.

We do not know whether H. Riley of the Manchester Warehouse Company is any relation to the Henry Riley of the Lancashire Clothing Club. But he is the same in name and the same in method.

A Harsh Sentence

From Frying-pan to Fire

WE have been appealed to by several people living in the Summerfield Street area of Lee, in the South of London, who complain bitterly that a grave injustice has been done to a married couple named Balcombe, who live at 83, Summerfield Street.

They were recently charged at Greenwich with neglecting their three children. There was no evidence of actual cruelty, but the children were dirty and the surroundings unhealthy.

Mrs. Balcombe said that she had done the best she could for the children, but if the magistrate thought she had done wrong, she asked for another chance.

The magistrate said he would take the kindest course in everyone's interest, and committed Mr. and Mrs. Balcombe to jail for three months each, in order that the children could be placed under the care of the guardians.

Poverty no crime

The Balcombes' neighbours do not understand where the "kindest course" comes in. Poverty is often mistaken for neglect. People who have to live in slums cannot keep their homes like their more fortunate fellows who live in mansions grand.

Mr. Balcombe is a hapless creature, nearly blind, totally unable to work, and has to be maintained by the parish. Mrs. Balcombe is in very bad health, and had to go out to work in order that expenses could be met. She could not give her children the attention they required.

The children were dirty—that is admitted. It was quite right to punish them for neglect, but to send a man who is nearly blind, and a woman who has had to work very hard to give the children food, to jail for three months is not the kindest course to have taken.

The landlord of the Balcombe tenement is going to put them out because he cannot get his rent. So sorry are the neighbours for them that they are collecting coppers amongst themselves to prevent the bailiffs from entering while the parents are in jail.

The better course

When people have children and cannot afford to keep them, and cannot properly look after them; when they are guilty of neglect, it is, of course, difficult to act for the benefit of all concerned. But to deprive the parents of their children, send them to jail for three months, and to lose for them whatever home they possess is something that is not easily understood.

Would it not have been better for the magistrate to have ordered these children to have been put in an institution until such time as their parents could have made better arrangements for their welfare?

How can the Balcombes make a better home for their kiddies while the father is in Brixton Gaol and the mother in Holloway?

OUR ROGUES' GALLERY

A WEIRD AND MOTLEY CREW

How We Help the Police

WEEK after week, year after year, we receive letters from all parts of the country from the victims of rogues and thieves who contrive to remain at large.

These letters complain that, unable to get any satisfaction from those who have robbed them, the dupes have lodged complaints with the police, without avail.

There is little wisdom in bolting the door after the horse has been stolen; and it is very difficult for JOHN BULL successfully to intervene when the rogues are unconvicted and the police have stated that they are unable to act.

Yet the amazing thing is that in hundreds of such instances we have taken legal advice on these complaints, to discover that the police have not made proper enquiries and in this way had, therefore, permitted the culprits to escape.

A string of swindlers

Following up the investigations, which the police should already have completed, we have made it a practice to expose the crooks and demand their arrest whenever we have felt ourselves justified in doing so, and we are pleased to say that no other journal in the world can produce a record such as ours for bringing to book rascals who have eluded the police after swindling the public.

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Let us take a few cases at random to show how publicity has succeeded where our police system has failed. We give these to convince cynical officialdom that facts cannot lie.

There is Donald Heaysman, the unemployment and investment swindler, who, after years of crime, is now in jail for eighteen months; Anthony Bashame, alias Chalmers, who tried to silence us by issuing a writ for libel, and who got eleven months; the charity pest, Clements; and Hewstone, the furniture "deposit" fraud.

There is Brilliant Chang, the "Dope King"; Limehouse Lil, the "Dope Queen"; the brothers Moreton, in jail now after their recently exposed omnibusscheme; James McCraig, the notorious cat-burglar, sentenced three weeks ago: Lewin, alias Gilmore, alias Levy, our exposures of whose audacious money-lending business and long-firm fraud landed him into jail recently for four years.

Sir Archibald Bodkin, the Public Prosecutor

Too much red tape

Then there are the two rascals named Harrison and Nicholson, who, after we had laid bare their history in connection with the "Tauber Fur Robbery," are now in prison; Frederick Ford, the "Night Club King"; Kate Merrick, the "Night Club Queen"; Parry Fielder, the crook who tricked titled men as well as poor people in his amazing bogus "Exhibition" schemes, still in jail; and Hyman Gershon Weiner, "insider" to-day for extensive long-firm frauds denounced in these columns. There are, of course, many more.

Sir Archibald Bodkin, the Public Prosecutor, had very often turned down complaints about these tricksters before our exposures.

We suggest to Sir Archibald, in view of the almost unbelievable facts of the following story, that his office is tied far too much by red tape, and that, while it is a very heavy financial burden upon the public, there are grave reasons why he should make arrangements to ensure that every rogue is brought to book *at the earliest moment*.

In our issue of July 4 last we exposed a man named Captain Aubrey Wright Weston Foster, who induced certain people to invest large sums of money with him, in return for which he promised employment in certain automobile businesses he pretented to control.

Immediately after we had denounced him as a thief, a police officer called upon us and we handed to him our dossier.

An amazing letter

The result is that last week Captain Foster was sentenced at the Old Bailey to fifteen months' imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretences from ex-Service men.

Before we exposed Captain Foster—who had been three times bankrupt and is still undischarged—complaints had been made both to the police and to the Public Prosecutor. But nothing had been done.

And the amazing thing is that Sir Archibald Bodkin had signed a long letter to one of the victims regretting that, in all the circumstances of the case, he was unable to institute criminal proceedings!

This remarkable letter was amongst the dossier we handed over to the police officer who called upon us. Need we say more?

A Family Failing

Mr. and Mrs. Shylock

A FEW weeks ago we had occasion to criticise a moneylending concern known as Aldall, Ltd., 228, Gray's Inn Road, and its sole director, Alice Maud Whiteman, of 52, Penn Road, Holloway.

Since the appearance of our article certain additional facts have come to our notice, which are of a very interesting nature.

It appears that this good lady is a relative of Arthur Geo. Whiteman, a notorious financier, who carries on a moneylending business on his own account from 229, Seven Sisters Road, N.15, and 95, Cannon Street, E.C.; Ship Street, Brighton, and Union Bank Chambers, Croydon; *and who also lives at 52, Penn Road, Holloway.*

And if Alice Maud is an undesirable character, she is only imitating her relative, who is known to charge even more extortionate rates of interest.

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Whiteman was recently fined £20 and £5 5s. costs at the Mansion House, for having in his possession a disabled officer's pension vouchers, which he was holding as security for a loan.

This fact is sufficient indication of his character without any comment from us; but a complaint we have received from a Harringay reader sheds further light on Mr. Whiteman's methods.

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This reader originally obtained a loan of £30 from Whiteman, giving in exchange a promissory note for £50, repayable in instalments of £4 per month. Mr. Whiteman kept back 10s. at the outset for "stamp duty."

Our reader paid the first instalment promptly, but when the second one fell due he asked for an extension of time. He was told that the payment could stand over for another month, but a further 10s. interest would be chargeable.

This he agreed to, and afterwards continued his repayments until he had handed over about £23.

Whiteman then began to press for the full amount, and finally issued a summons against his victim for £45 10s. He has now been successful in obtaining a committal order against him of £2 per month!

Run on these lines, with Arthur and Alice busily engaged in fleecing their respective victims, the Whiteman family will soon be a very wealthy one.

This precious pair are particularly bad specimens, but they do not stand alone by any means. Unfortunately there are countless crooks in the game, and there seems to be no lack of "mugs" to keep them all going. One's blood boils to think of it!

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Why should such shameless sharks be permitted to carry on their nefarious business and to thrive in ease and luxury whilst their unhappy victims are broken and ruined?

AN UNBLUSHING TRICKSTER

Thriving on Bankruptcy

THAT our warnings to the public are not without justification may be realised from the following facts relating to Mr. S. Hardy, of 2, Palace Mansions, Palace Gardens, Enfield.

On two occasions within the last few weeks we have denounced him as a swindler in connection with a nursery scheme, where he was advertising for a partner to invest £250.

We drew our readers' attention to the scoundrel's cool cheek in actually carrying on unabashed after our first exposure; but certain authentic facts which have now come into our possession tend to lessen our surprise at his audacity.

Such bare-faced, unblushing behaviour is to be expected from a man whose record of fraud extends over a period of twenty-seven years.

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Samuel Hardy is a hardened rogue, and an undischarged bankrupt. He first commenced business as a nurseryman in 1898, at Coulsdon, Surrey, with a free capital of about £400. Two years later a receiving order was made against him on the petition of a creditor, and he was adjudged bankrupt.

The liabilities then were over £2,000 and the assets £7 10s. The creditors received nothing and Hardy is still undischarged from those proceedings.

For the next nine years Hardy was employed by various nurseries as working manager, during which time he saved £70.

With this staggering sum behind him he decided to start on his own once more, and he was generous enough to allow his wife to supplement his capital with £500 of her own money.

Hardy's history

Hardy took a nursery in Liverpool, but in 1913 the lease terminated owing to non-payment of rent and the whole of the stock was claimed by the landlord.

Hardy now became manager to a company in Edinburgh, and held the post until 1917, when he became a tenant of a nursery in Dyson's Road, Upper Edmonton. Two years later he purchased a nursery at Limbury Road, Leagrave, Beds.

From now onwards he was constantly besieged by creditors. He sub-let the Edmonton property, borrowed more money from his wife, and obtained credit wherever he could.

A receiving order was made against him in 1922, as a result of which a deficiency of £10,857 3s. 7d. was disclosed.

Hardy was sentenced to nine months' hard labour for obtaining credit without disclosing the fact that he was already an undischarged bankrupt, and for failing to keep proper books of account.

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There we have the tabloid history of Samuel Hardy—and a very strong tabloid, too. Twice an undischarged bankrupt he is still endeavouring to raise credit in his nursery schemes.

Probably he has already been successful in obtaining a number of would-be partners in his latest swindle.

We are afraid they they will never see their £250 once they have entrusted it into the hands of Samuel Hardy.

If the police thought our previous exposures unjustified, they cannot disregard the foregoing facts. It is clearly their duty to act without delay.

Every day's delay may secure a fresh victim for this impudent swindler, who has been setting the law at defiance for the past twenty-seven years.

The safest place for him, and the place where he fully deserves to be, is in the custody of the law.

We have done our duty by warning our readers, and so far as the police are concerned they are welcome to make use of all the documents which are now in our possession.

Hardy's record must be ended.

The Bluff that Failed

An Ill-furnished Concern

WE think people who are approached with a view to investing money in a concern known as Templars Club should exercise considerable caution.

Some months ago a reader asked our advice in regard to a £300 investment in this club, as he had been offered the post of secretary on the condition that he paid in that amount.

He had had an interview with a Mr. St. John Ronaldson, one of the leading lights of the club, and, although his investment was said to be crowned with handsome profits, he was wise enough to write to JOHN BULL about it first.

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We had expert advice on his enquiry and our subsequent comment was to the effect that we had no hesitation in advising him to decline the offer.

Before he received our advice, however, our reader had paid over his cheque, but by great good luck he was able to stop it in time.

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The Templars Club then threatened to take action against our reader unless his cheque was honoured at once. Our advice was that he should let them carry on. A writ was eventually served upon him, but since then he has heard no more.

It seems pretty evident that the action of the club was merely intended to bluff its victim into parting.

Another complaint reaches us from a gentleman who was offered the post of secretary on condition that he invested £500.

In spite of the fact that he possessed excellent references, the club officials showed that it was the deposit they really required, and as our reader found the "club" to consist of two small unfurnished rooms, he at once cried off.

We think he was very wise to do so!

Our sole object in bringing the foregoing facts to the notice of our readers is to impress upon them the foolishness of investing in any concern which apparently has no material financial support behind it.

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If any contemplate entering into negotiations with the Templars Club we should advise them to apply for references and to check those same references very carefully before they commit themselves financially.

Writing for Ten Years

TIME rolls on and many poor people who suffered grievous loss and injury when the Germans bombarded the East Coast towns are still waiting compensation.

A typical case is that of Mr. John Duffield, of Scarborough. His wife was killed outright, whilst he had a thigh shattered when a shell burst in the garden of their home. He was confined to bed for a long time, and being now sixty-eight years of age is unable to follow his career as an engineer.

Mr. Duffield applied to the Government for compensation, and after a delay of ten years has received £20, which is declared to be a "final settlement."

The official excuse for the low amount granted is "that full particulars of the claim were furnished too late to be considered by the Royal Commission on Compensation for Suffering and Damage by Enemy Action, and to participate in the £5,000,000 compensation fund administered by the commission.

"It was, therefore, only possible to consider the claim in connection with the £3,000,000 fund provided for belated claimants."

Why this unfortunate man should be considered a "belated" claimant, we really cannot say, for his correspondence with the authorities on the subject has extended over a period of ten years!

It is the Government who are belated! How much longer must the claims of these poor victims of the War remain neglected?

We're Happy Too!

Thanks in Verse

TO please everybody may be regarded as an impossibility, but that JOHN BULL has achieved the impossible once again is clearly shown by the countless letters that have reached us in connection with our great Free Gift of a Half Guinea "Gillette" Razor set.

Some of them even burst into song. Thus, a Pwllheli (pronounce it your own way) reader greets us as follows:

"The Best of THANKS I send to you
For such a WELCOME GIFT. 'Tis true
I now can shave just when I like—
The barbers all can go on strike."

A Hereford reader sends us an original limerick, which we publish because of the truth it contains:

"There was a young fellow of Hyde
Whom all sorts of razors had tried.
His JOHN BULL Gillette
Gave him comfort, you bet—
And a good Sound Insurance beside."

An Edinburgh reader winds up a long letter of appreciation with the following:—

"JOHN BULL
Openhandedly
assists
Harassed and
Needy readers.
Become a member
of the
Union that
Lifts the
Lame dog over the
stile!"

Thousands of delighted readers inform us that they only became readers through our Free Gift Scheme, but that they now intend to take JOHN BULL every week as they find that they have been "missing something good." They have also shown their wisdom by becoming registered.

We wish that it was possible for us to answer all these letters individually. No other paper can claim to have pleased so many people. Having achieved this reputation we shall do our best to live up to it.

Xmas is Coming!

FOLLOWING a time-honoured custom JOHN BULL is again making a Christmas Gift offer to its readers.

Especially in view of the fact that JOHN BULL has now reached the million mark, it was felt that something out of the ordinary should be attempted—something that would far outshine any previous Christmas offers in the past.

On page 9 you will find a Gift Voucher worth a Shilling to you! This is Surprise No. 1, the practical nature of which we need not emphasise. This Gift Voucher will be accepted at its face value in part payment for the famous JOHN BULL Pen.

In addition, we are making a grand distribution of genuine 2s. 6d. "Everpointed" Pencils, ladies' and gentlemen's models. The pen and pencil will be enclosed in a Golden Presentation Box, which will gain a thousand admiring glances on Christmas morning.

Here then is our wonder triple Christmas offer—one in which every reader is invited to share—the best answer to the question, "What shall I Give?" for Christmas.

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The Working Man's Pint

by **LORD SALVESEN** (*the famous Scottish Judge.*)

THE case for Prohibition has been stated in our columns by eminent temperance advocates, "John Bull" being an open platform, we now publish the other side of the story as set forth by a no less eminent anti-prohibitionist

WITHIN the next few years Great Britain will be asked to make vital decisions on the liquor question. Our Drydealists, to coin a word, will see to it that we do. Total prohibition is their aim, with local option as a first objective; they want no half measures.

Having studied the problem in this country and abroad over many years, I may be permitted to suggest an alternative to the drastic medicine offered as a cure for some admitted evils.

First, I shall give some bald facts from America. Prohibition has been in force there for six years, and we are now justified in delivering judgment. I have no hesitation in declaring the experiment to be a grotesque failure, whatever Mr. Lloyd George and his friends may say to the contrary.

There is widespread belief that the United States of America have gone dry. There can be no greater delusion. It is true that at one fell stroke the Volstead Act swept away every brewery, distillery and wine-making business in the country, and every saloon where the liquors they produced were retailed.

But it made one large exception. It expressly permitted every householder to make non-intoxicating wines and ciders in his own home, and it refrained from defining what percentage of alcohol constituted such a beverage non-intoxicating.

Uncle Sam's thirst

The tremendous capacity of the American citizen for imbibing such drinks may be judged from the fact that every householder may make for himself every year 200 gallons (1,200 bottles) of such drinks without infringing the law.

This wide exception, embodied in the Volstead Act itself, was a necessary concession to the agricultural population which forms so large a part of America's 110,000,000, and who have always made their own wine and cider.

The wine-making industry has now invaded the towns. New York took 520,000,000 pounds of grapes in three months ending November 1, 1924. The owners of Californian vineyards wrung their hands when the Volstead Act became law, but now they cannot supply the demand for grapes, and the acreage devoted to the vine is increasing at a fabulous rate.

The Anti-Saloon League say that the people are eating more grapes! Strange, when the price is now ten times what it was in pre-Prohibition days!

The year's crop of grapes has risen to over 2,000,000 tons. Some clever man at figures will work out how many bottles of wine can be made per ton of grapes.

Other exceptions not embodied in the Act have had to be conceded to popular prejudice. Many Americans still think that whisky is an excellent medicine for influenza and other complaints, and so the doctors can lawfully prescribe whisky at three dollars a prescription for any patient.

Profit on prescriptions

If they used their rights to the full—which I am far from suggesting—the legal whisky prescriptions would amount to 64,000,000, and the doctors would clear a net profit of 192,000,000 dollars.

So much for legal alcohol. What about illegal? A great to-do is made about bootleggers, but they only cater for the comparatively well-to-do who want sound spirits, whether Scotch or French.

I am assured that the spirits smuggled, although fabulous profits have been made by the successful bootleggers, is but a fraction of the "moonshine" made in the country—most of it thoroughly bad, poisonous stuff.

Competent American writers estimate that only one-tenth of the private stills in operation are detected, and that the annual consumption of spirits is at least twice what it was before, and totals 260,000,000 gallons! Our own consumption of spirits has diminished by one-half in the last twenty-five years.

Appalling figures

The three great objects to be gained, and which commended the Volstead Act to a majority of Americans (composed mostly of women), were diminution of intemperance, decrease of lunacy and eradication of crime. What has happened after six years of Prohibition?

Arrests for drunkenness published by the Anti-Saloon League in 300 cities with 33,500,000 people, prove that there were in 1923 six times as many drunks in these cities as in the whole of England in last year.

Insanity due to alcoholic excess has trebled in the great hospitals of the principal towns.

Crime has gone up to appalling figures. There were 12,000 murders committed in the United States in the last year for which I have statistics, or fifty times as many as in England, allowing for the difference in population. Offences of all kinds have gone up in the 300 cities to over 2,000,000 in a single year, or double the number in 1916.

The saddest part of the story is that 80 per cent. of the persons in prison are young people below the age of thirty, and a great majority are between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five.

From 6,000 to 10,000 persons die annually as the direct result of drinking poison-booze—many of them mere boys. Wholesale corruption—always bad in the States—has become a menace to its civilisation. Thousands of revenue officers and policemen are in the pay of bootleggers and moonshiners.

Hypocrisy's hotbed

Prohibition has driven millions of decent law-abiding citizens, who were formerly content with light beer, into spirit-drinking, and, of course, into law-breaking.

It has cost £40,000,000 already in attempts to enforce it, and now millions more are to be spent in a final great effort which will prove as futile as all that has gone before.

Hypocrisy is rampant amongst the leading supporters of Prohibition. To quote only one authority, "We have those who preach Prohibition in public and get drunk in private, business men who contribute huge sums of money to try to keep liquor from their employees who at the same time have their cellars well stocked."

"Congress is wet, but votes dry," said a Senator recently. Is there not the same element of hypocrisy amongst those champions of local veto here, who are themselves consumers, but never use public-houses as they can get anything they want at home or in their middle-class clubs?

What, then, are the alternatives? Nationalisation is one, but at present is outside the sphere of practical politics. The other is reform of the premises where drink is consumed.

Lord Salvesen.

The British working-man is the most temperate being on earth. If he belies his real character, it is because of the squalid state to which his inn and his public-house have declined.

It is argued against the reformed public-house that increased comfort means increased consumption of liquor. That can be disputed. But, in any event, it is of no consequence, so long as it promotes temperance, which we are all aiming at.

Absurd restrictions

Better even than the old-fashioned inn would be the conversion of the public-house into the popular licensed restaurant on the Continental style, where working-men could sit in comfort over a glass of beer or cup of coffee, and enjoy the society of their friends.

The almost entire absence of drunkenness among the French and Germans is surely not due to their being endowed more strongly with the virtue of self-control than ourselves.

Legislation for the improvement of the British public-house has the full support and approval of the trade. Action on their own part is hampered by the most insane restrictions. A licence-holder, for example, may not instal a wireless set on his premises, nor can he have games or music in such a fashion as to constitute his house a place of real amusement.

I want to see spacious saloons, if we must call them that, where the humblest clients may have equal facilities for legitimate enjoyment with the middle-class clubman. Where conditions permit, as in the country villages, let us have bowling-greens or tables in the open air.

Control must remain

It has been suggested that something might be done by means of an extension of the working-men's club system. I am against this, for with the club system control is weakened.

The improvement of public-houses by private enterprise and at private expense is the same way, and would long ago have been an accomplished fact but for the so-called temperance party.

Private Bills having this for their object have again and again secured a second reading in the House of Lords by large majorities.

The Government must now apply itself to the most important social question of the day and give effect to the unanimous desire of all the unbiased and sane elements in the community.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.,
10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—Dr. C. W. Withinshaw, president of the British Phrenological Society, has been kind enough to give a reading of your head. He finds it of the peaceful type, one of "the group that say there will be no more war." This is good news, especially when coupled with your own broadcast announcement that your life is spent in endeavours to turn the sword into ploughshares. The measure of your success will depend upon how far you can curb the activities of the more mischievous members of your Cabinet.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.,
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

DEAR SIR,—Dr. Streseman, the German Foreign Minister, in a broadcast speech, declared he saw no reason to doubt the honourable intentions of Great Britain to abide by the Locarno Pact; and regarded the fact that "the former Ally of France has solemnly undertaken *to protect Germany against a French attack with her entire sea and land forces* as of the greatest political significance." Is this the true reading of the Treaty? If so, I have no hesitation in describing it as a gross betrayal of the British people and a direct incentive to war. I should be glad to hear your views.

JOHN BULL.

To Colonel G. R. LANE-FOX, M.P.,
Minister of Mines.

SIR,—It appears that your main objection to the coal subsidy is that it "ought only to have been used in the case of a very great emergency." If the sudden stoppage of all the coal-mines of Great Britain which was threatened last July does not answer to this description, I should like to know what would satisfy your requirements. Wiser than you, the Prime Minister realised that to avert such a catastrophe, and to gain time for an earnest investigation of the whole problem of the mines, was worth a considerable sacrifice of abstract economic principle.

JOHN BULL.

To WALTER LEAF, Esq., Litt.D.,
Chairman, Westminster Bank.

SIR,—The fact that you have no political axe to grind lends additional weight to your recent warning against the folly of supposing that Great Britain can exclude the trade of other nations without grave injury to her own business interests. As you so well point out, this is a first-class economic delusion. There is only one path to the recovery of our pre-War prosperity, and that is the path of free and mutual trade with our neighbours, untrammelled by artificial restrictions or hampering prejudice. I hope you will lose no opportunity of driving home this salutary lesson.

JOHN BULL.

To SIR HAROLD BOWDEN,
Director, Raleigh Cycle Co.

DEAR SIR,—The Press is calling your suggestion for a Christmas conference between Capital and Labour "remarkable." For my part I call it statesmanlike vision of a high order. Such a conference, if imbued with a real desire to achieve industrial peace would do in a week more than the politicians could accomplish in twenty years. By the way, I am told that your firm has just made its millionth bicycle. Allow me to congratulate you on a magnificent industrial achievement.

JOHN BULL.

To PETER MALCOLM, Esq.,
Director, Co-operative Wholesale Society.

SIR,—It is a relief to have your assurance that "sultanas are not packed into boxes by the naked feet of the foreign workers." We shall now be able to eat our Christmas puddings without all the horrid misgivings caused by Dr. Haden Guest's recent disclosures. But I am bound to remind you that these unpleasant reports as to the conditions of the dried-fruit trade referred not only to footwork at Smyrna, but to several other unsavoury practices over a far wider area. I am afraid, therefore, we shall have to wait a bit longer before we can be certain that to swallow a sultana is as safe as it is sweet.

JOHN BULL.

To His Honour Judge HUGH STURGES,
Cadogan Place, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—Your strong comments on the scandal of High Court fees are needed. Your indignation is aroused when poor men are unable to get their rights through inability to find the money demanded. I agree that for a man to be compelled to pay £4 to recover £5 15s. is an outrage.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. HUMPHREY WARD,
Athenæum Club, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—At eighty years of age you have written an important history which comprises many of the leading figures in contemporaneous times. Five years ago you lost your wife, after a companionship of forty years, but you did not allow grief to dim your interest in life nor stop you working. You set a notable example to this present generation, which I should like to see more generally followed.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. COUCH,
Court Missionary, Tower Bridge.

DEAR SIR,—You are troubled at the terrible increase in rufflanism and petty crime among lads. You point out that they were children when their fathers were in France and their mothers in munition factories. They grew up without control, and now, without employment, they laze on the "dole," get into bad company and make themselves a terror and a nuisance to decent citizens. You see no remedy until there is more work. This is putting the blame for the trouble in the right quarter.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. F. H. LODGE,
Fulham Workhouse.

DEAR SIR,—You are retiring from your duties as chaplain at Fulham workhouse after serving in that capacity for a quarter of a century. During the War, when London was crowded to the utmost capacity, you found lodgings for over 20,000 women who came up to town to visit their wounded relatives in hospital—a kindly service of the quiet sort that gains little recognition. But, if only for that alone, the good will of thousands will go with you in your well-earned leisure.

JOHN BULL.

To Police-Constable CUNNINGHAM,
H Division, Metropolitan Police.

DEAR SIR,—When you heard a cry of "help" and saw a man struggling in Wapping basin—a most deep and treacherous bit of water—you threw off your cape and dived fifteen feet to his rescue, after which you collapsed from exhaustion. This voluntary risk of your own life for another richly deserved the recognition it received when Sir Chartres Biron at Bow Street presented you with a cheque for bravery. I am glad to add, to that little ceremony, my own honourable mention.

JOHN BULL.

WARNING SHADOWS!

Straight from the Shoulder

SIR L. WORTHINGTON-EVANS:—"A good time is coming for industry."

The dog won't live long by eating its own tail.

SIR WALTER RUNCIMAN, M.P.:—"The only way to improve matters is by changing the whole Government."

Even then a new spirit is needed or the change would be no improvement.

SIR HUGH BELL:—"If we cannot cultivate the land of England at a profit we had better grow thistles."

If the land is used to grow food that in itself is a profit.

DEAN INGE:—"There is a serious conflict between Christianity and Science."

Wrong. The real quarrel is between Christianity and dogma.

Without Fear or Favour

COLOSSAL INSURANCE ROGUERY

The Government's Failure

IT is now more than twelve months since Mr. Baldwin came back to office with a large and compact majority. Few Prime Ministers have enjoyed a more absolute control of the nation's destinies. What account of his stewardship has Mr. Baldwin to give?

On the positive side there is the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions scheme and in foreign affairs the Locarno Pact. It would be churlish to deprive Ministers of the credit of these achievements. Also it would be cruel, for, apart from these measures, their record is as barren as the desert sand.

The Prime Minister must have known full well when he accepted office that he was expected to get to grips with the problems of unemployment and housing, with the curse of poverty which has descended like a blight upon the generation that won the War.

His only effort so far is a contributory pensions scheme conferring death benefits on an extended scale. The living army of the homeless and unemployed are left to fend for themselves.

The only war worth waging is the war against poverty which calls not for light skirmishing on the flanks but for a bold frontal attack. If we were as much in earnest to cure unemployment as we were ten years ago to kill Germans, there would soon be jobs enough to go round.

The country demands something more from this strong Conservative Government than panic measures against Communists and an extension of State insurance.

The working-man wants a roof over his head and the opportunity to earn his living. Failure to meet these demands is treason to the living and the dead.

Pulpit and Pews

DEAN INGE is not the first preacher to complain that men will not go to church. More honest than many of his confreres, the Dean states what he believes to be the true reason for abstention from worship.

"I have even a sense of shame," he says, "that the ministers of the Church, who are commissioned to preach so essentially a manly message as the gospel of Jesus Christ should have presented it in such a way as to repel the majority of men."

This is the sort of plain speaking to which we are accustomed from Dean Inge. Confronted with dwindling congregations, he does not blame the cinemas, the public-houses, or the inherent godlessness of the masses. He believes that if the preachers had a "manly message" they would still be heard.

He is right. It is untrue to say that people are tired of religion, that their mental horizon is bounded by the grave. The precise opposite of this is true.

Men and women are so interested in religion that they refuse to be put off with its counterfeit in the shape of unreal dogma and obscure Biblical legend.

A Menace to Society

THE whole business of industrial assurance, as at present carried on, is a colossal waste of public money. It not only fails to achieve its ostensible purpose, but it imposes a tax on industry of something like £40,000,000 per year

WE have lately been at some pains to expose the heartless frauds being perpetrated on poor people all over the country by industrial assurance companies and collecting societies.

We are more than ever convinced that a state of affairs exists that is without parallel in the history of the country—a state of affairs so grave as to merit the instant attention of Parliament.

Nothing short of a full Parliamentary enquiry will suffice to give simple justice to the millions of poor people who day by day are being mercilessly robbed and exploited.

The Industrial Assurance Act of 1923 is a mockery and a sham. It was drafted by the companies for their own protection and accepted without a murmur by the Treasury.

It is significant that one of the principal Government officials in charge of the Bill and every member of his family were shareholders in one of the great companies concerned.

Within five months of the Bill becoming law the shares of one of the companies increased in value to the tune of £6,000,000—another highly significant fact.

Mr. [illegible], who has spent the last 30 years fighting the battles of poor people against the Insurance Companies.

The things that are happening in every corner of the land are staggering in their shameless implications.

During 1924 nearly seven million policies lapsed, the holders losing every penny they had paid in premiums; and in tens of thousands of these cases the premiums had been paid for thirty or forty years.

In other words, over 23,000 policies lapsed every day last year, and every day more than 23,000 people—poor people who live on the edge of poverty all the time—lost every penny of their hard-earned premiums.

In countless cases these premiums were lost for the sole reason that the policy-holders were ignorant of their rights.

IT is a story of colossal roguery, a story of sordid duping of the poor and ignorant.

Let us look at last year again. The industrial assurance companies and societies collected from the people something like £46,000,000. In return they gave back in benefits only £15,250,000.

During the past five years they have collected from the people upwards of £135,000 per day and have returned only about £42,000 per day in benefits.

In the hands of these wealthy corporations, therefore, has been left a sum of £93,000 for every working day during these years.

It is well known to those behind the scenes that at this moment there are millions of pounds due to policy-holders—but the policy-holders are ignorant of their rights, and the multi-millionaire companies carefully refrain from telling them.

IN the vast majority of cases the money is due to the families of men who went out to the uttermost ends of the earth at the call of king and country. During their absence these families were fleeced and swindled unmercifully.

The time is ripe for the whole of this business of industrial assurance to be taken over by the State and incorporated in one big scheme of national insurance.

In no other way can the poor be protected from the wholesale robbery and exploitation which is going on unchecked in every corner of the land.

If the members of the House of Commons do not insist on a full and searching enquiry they will be guilty of a gross betrayal of those by whom they are sent to Westminster to assist and protect.

The Right to Kill

ALREADY doctors are invested with extraordinary powers. From the cradle to the grave their directions have almost the force of law. Ought we to go further and give them the right to kill?

In America there has been great excitement over the trial at Colorado of a doctor who recently put to death by chloroform his maimed and invalid daughter who, since an attack of spinal meningitis in infancy, had become "a human husk without a soul."

In plain terms the woman was a helpless idiot, deaf, dumb, and paralysed, unable to move or speak. From motives of pity her father, after tending her like a baby for thirty years, put an end to her life. Did this act amount to wilful murder?

Apart altogether from legal technicalities, the question has an immense significance. Not for the first time we are being treated to the suggestion, advanced in all seriousness, that doctors should be allowed not only to cure but to kill, that they should be given a discretion to exterminate or to save a life.

A more monstrous proposal was never put forward, and the very last place where it is likely to be welcomed is in the ranks of the medical profession.

Doubtless, there are thousands of sufferers who to the contemplation of pity would be better dead, but to go on from this to say that doctors with the connivance of relatives should be allowed to kill them, is to manifest an indecent contempt for the sanctities of human life.

Imagine the abuses and infamies, the foul suspicions, that might arise if such a departure were sanctioned. It is a poor service to the medical profession to suggest that in the article of murder it should be placed above the criminal law.

Innocent Immigrants

WE have received a number of letters from readers in Australia and New Zealand, all of which urge us to draw attention to the fact that problems of housing and unemployment exist in these countries just as they do at home; and, except for trained craftsmen, skilled agricultural labourers and people with capital, there is little or no opening.

Hundreds of immigrants are pouring into Australia and New Zealand without money or prospects of employment, and the majority are stranded in the ports of entry immediately on arrival, where they are forced to rely upon the authorities for relief.

The people who have been stranded in these new countries are more to be pitied than blamed. They should never have been allowed to go out there in the first instance.

Those who are responsible for encouraging misguided people to leave their homeland for such horrors have much to answer for. We cannot understand why such a state of affairs should be permitted.

The Three Fences

by A. G. GARDINER

PARLIAMENT has reassembled and Mr. Baldwin has a troublous time ahead. Crucial questions have to be dealt with and their treatment will show the country whether its confidence is justified. The Prime Minister has a great opportunity, of which he must not fail to make use

Mr. A. G. Gardiner

MR. BALDWIN is in the saddle again for the last event of the season; or, to put the matter less picturesquely, he is on the Treasury bench at Westminster again to wind up the first session of his second Government.

It is just about a year since the anti-Russian wave swept him in and Mr. MacDonald out, and so far as the omens go he is likely to keep his seat in the saddle for some time to come.

I hope he will do so for two reasons—first, that we cannot as a nation afford the luxury of another election, and, second, because if we had another election it would land us in a Parliamentary difficulty from which it would be hard to get out.

The Conservatives would not repeat the triumph which the Russian panic last year gave them; Labour could not get a clear majority, and would not, after the events of last year, be able to look to the Liberals to put them in and keep them in; and the Liberals are far from having recovered sufficiently from the wreckage of the war to hope for any sensational success at the polls.

A disaster to be avoided

The result would be a Parliamentary stalemate, with no Party dominant, all the Parties glowering impotently at one another, and no stable Government possible. This would be a disaster when the country is passing through such rough waters as those that encompass us at present, and neither Party interest nor personal venom is warranted in inviting it.

Public wellbeing calls for the maintenance of Mr. Baldwin in office until the sky has cleared somewhat, and the journals which are carrying on a personal vendetta against the Prime Minister are in the circumstances guilty of a crime, not so much against him as against the Commonwealth.

But while everyone who subordinates private considerations to public considerations wishes to see Mr. Baldwin keep in the saddle, it is necessary to remind him that the retention of a firm seat is his own affair as well as ours. He has some difficult fences before him, and he must ride warily as well as boldly if he hopes to take them.

A restive team

I shall refer to three of the most dangerous of those fences, not in order to make him timid, but to make him wise as well as courageous.

I do not include among those fences the Locarno agreement. Public opinion has endorsed that agreement with an unusual degree of unanimity and Mr. Baldwin should have no serious trouble in the matter.

It is otherwise with that group of questions which compose what we may call the Labour fence. With the great coal issue hanging over us like a menacing cloud, it is most important that we should not charge the atmosphere with unnecessary electricity.

That, I am sure, is the feeling of Mr. Baldwin, who has preserved a reasonable and good-tempered frame of mind on the subject throughout. But he has a difficult team to handle and things occur for which he is not responsible, but which do not make his task easier.

I am not at liberty at this stage to comment on the Communist trial, but it is obvious that it does not help matters.

Mr. Baldwin has dealt very properly with the truculent attempt of Mr. Macquisten to raise the die-hards of the Party against his leader on the subject of the political levy in the trade unions, and we may hope that this particularly dangerous bone of contention will not be flung into the Parliamentary arena to embitter Labour feeling against the Government.

A warning episode

Finally, there is the *Daily Herald*-Fascist episode. I do not share the view that there has been any miscarriage of justice here, but the incident should serve as a warning to Mr. Baldwin of the danger of any appearance of one attitude to the silly Fascists and another attitude to the silly Communists. Both are equally hare-brained and mischievous, but there must be one law for both.

The second dangerous fence is the one that Mr. Amery has so ingeniously put in the way of his leader. Mr. Baldwin should make up his mind firmly that there is to be no "crisis," much more no war, over the Mesopotamian imbroglio.

I do not love the Turk, but we have left the bones of enough British soldiers in those distant deserts to satisfy any reasonable appetite for carnage, and the plain fact is that our case in regard to the disputed Mosul territory is not a good one.

It is bad enough to have a row over a good case, but it is intolerable that we should become involved in conflict over a doubtful one.

The third fence is that relating to the Safeguarding of Industries. A whole crop of proposals to tax this, that, and the other, from toothbrushes upwards, is coming up for consideration, and we look to Mr. Baldwin to keep his bond on this matter.

The question of Protection or Free Trade goes to the roots of our national existence. If Free Trade is upset it ought to be upset after the considered opinion of the whole country has been taken on this great matter. It ought not to be upset by sapping and mining operations which have no authority from the electorate.

The last time the country was appealed to on the question it gave a decisive verdict against Protection, and last year Mr. Baldwin specifically undertook that, inasmuch as the fiscal issue was not involved in the election, he would, if returned, do nothing to prejudice the existing system.

On that undertaking he received support which he would not have received had his word been doubted.

No one doubts that he meant what he said, but he is surrounded by men who disregard his word and who are determined to cut away at the foundations of Free Trade in readiness for a grand assault on the system at the next election.

Hence these pettifogging attempts to get taxes put on this commodity and that commodity under the pretence of safeguarding industry.

Sticking to his bond

Mr. Baldwin should see the necessity of putting his foot down firmly on this underhand crusade. His honour is bound up in this matter, and his own disposition I am sure is to keep his word, not only in the letter, but in the spirit. But he must impose his authority on his colleagues if he is to preserve the confidence and respect alike of the country and of Parliament.

When the time comes for him to go to the electorate he can submit the issue to their judgment; but in the meantime his duty as an honourable man is to keep his word and see that his colleagues do not break it.

The removal of the embargo on foreign loans will give a much-needed impetus to international trade

THE lot of the workman to-day is determined by international influences, compared with which the authority of an autocratic ruler in the past was a mere pretence of power.

The Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden, M.P.

These influences work unseen. Few people know of their existence; fewer still understand their ramifications and potency.

A rise or fall in the bank rate, a movement of the foreign exchanges, an expansion or contraction of credit, an international loan, a good or bad harvest at the other end of the world—any of these things may determine whether a British workman is in or out of work.

The rulers of the world to-day are neither kings nor statesmen. International finance sits upon the throne and issues its decrees of life or death.

But it would not be true to say that these dictators have no sense of their responsibility.

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On the whole, I believe they act with wisdom and with a sincere desire to advance international prosperity.

The recent announcement of the removal of the embargo on the issue of foreign loans in London was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. That implies the moral responsibility of Government for the prohibition now to be removed.

WHAT interest has the man who works in shop or field, or mine, or factory in the opening of the London market to foreign borrowers? The investor has a considerable interest in this matter. But what affects the investor affects the man who has no capital but his capacity to work.

The embargo on foreign loans has been imposed during the last few years for certain definite purposes. It has been part of the policy of return to the gold standard. By reducing the foreign demand for external loans their exchanges have been relieved.

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The Midnight Vanity Fair

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

THE vulgar rich are the worst enemies the country now has to contend against. At the present time they are having their day; but history will repeat itself, as ever, and they will be relegated to the fate which they deserve

The Rev. R. J. Sheppard, who organised the Armistice Service at the Albert Hall

AT the last moment, in deference to a dignified protest by a clergyman, London decided that it would not celebrate Armistice Day by jazzing over the grave of the Unknown Warrior. A day or two afterwards the Prime Minister rebuked the vulgar rich as enemies of the social order.

It was indeed time that someone whose voice would be listened to should speak out without mincing words. Decent people of all classes cannot but experience feelings of indignation and disgust at the vulgar display that is publicly made by those who have suddenly become possessed of this world's goods.

Now, by a strange chance, a journalist, writing in one of the daily newspapers, published, on the very day which saw the publication of the Prime Minister's protest, an account of a fashionable night club in London, or, to tell the truth, the most fashionable thing of its kind.

In mentioning some of the people who frequent this haunt the journalist in question published names of very great honour—not the names of mushroom millionaires or lords and baronets of 1914-1918, but the names of the greatest in the land.

And in mentioning these proud names he explained on the highest authority at the club why the charges for a night's entertainment are so grotesquely high.

Hare-brained stupidity

It would seem that something like twenty-five table-cloths are destroyed every night by lighted cigarettes. These table-cloths cost about 15s. apiece and can never be used again in so brilliant a club. They are mended, washed, and sold in humble quarters, where the customers are not so particular and where the manners are so much better.

Therefore one must expect to pay as much as 15s. for two cups of coffee if the consumption of such innocent refreshment involves the destruction of fine linen.

To most people, I suppose, and hope, it will seem a perfectly monstrous idea that any rational human being should be so stupid as to place a lighted cigarette on a table-cloth. But I myself saw such an action only the other day, and can bear witness to the extreme impudence of the proceeding.

Fruitful cause of unrest

I was lunching with a friend at the Ritz Hotel in London, and some time after we were seated two boys and a girl were provided with the table next to ours in a window overlooking the Green Park.

As soon as luncheon was ordered, and before cocktails had been brought, these three young people lighted cigarettes.

One of the boys continued to smoke as he ate his hors-d'œuvres after his cocktail had been swallowed; the girl placed her cigarette on the plate at her side, the smoke drifting over her food as she played with it; but the other boy, as soon as he had helped himself to hors-d'œuvres, coolly and deliberately laid his cigarette on the table-cloth, where it smouldered.

My friend was so indignant that he exclaimed, "Just look at that! Did you ever see such imbecility in your life?"—at which protest the boy rather sulkily picked up the cigarette and placed it on the edge of his plate.

Such are the people who, when they go to stay in the beautiful country houses of England, leave their lighted cigarettes on the finest mantelpieces by Adam and the most splendid chests and dressing-tables of Sheraton and Chippendale.

They are careless, irreverent, ignorant. They think of nothing in the world save their own comfort. As long as their wants are served, and their own self-indulgence is not incommoded, they are good-natured, friendly, and fairly decent people.

But the mark that marks them all is the grossest conceivable ignorance of everything that makes human life noble and endearing.

I agree with Mr. Baldwin that it is only the herd of the new rich who make those extravagant displays of wealth which are so obviously vulgar and so socially dangerous. But I do not agree with his inference that the educated and leisured classes of the country are innocent of all offence against the social order.

On the contrary, I hold that the abrogation by so many of these people of their duty to the community, in the way of setting a right standard in taste and manners, is one of the principal causes of our present unrest.

Seedtime and harvest

It is certainly time that the greatest personages in the land should be told that by lending their patronage to the night clubs of London they are doing the State a grievous hurt. For these night clubs are the worst advertisement in the land of that silliness and frivolity which are as great enemies of human progress as vice and crime.

They tell people that the hours which every physician in the world prescribes for health of mind and body are altogether wrong, and they deny what every great man in the world has always taught, that the highest pleasures of the soul are to be sought in solitary study.

They encourage people to turn night into day, and to addle their already insufficient brains by a movement to music the effect of which is comparable to that of dope.

If we are to recover our good British sense and our strong British morality, those who are multiplying night clubs in the fashionable centre of London should be told that they are seriously misleading the younger generation, and sowing seeds of wrong-living and wrong-thinking, the harvest of which may well be fatal to our social stability.

Decency on Armistice Day should not be an interruption of indecency; and solemn reflection before the Cenotaph should not be a two-minute lull in giggles and guffaws. Our whole life should show respect for reason and virtue.

Life's responsibilities

The universe in which we find ourselves is too sublime and majestical a mystery for amusements which are either savage or absurd; and the sufferings and sorrows which surround us on every side are far too numerous, too poignant and too terrible, to be mocked by a levity which would be beneath the contempt of every intelligent person even in times of universal prosperity.

What we have to do, and soon, is to tear ourselves free from every influence in our midst which lowers the dignity of the humblest man and woman in the community, and to insist that life should be organised for the elevation of the human race both in conduct and understanding.

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by The Right Hon. PHILIP SNOWDEN, M.P.

In view of the early maturity of large blocks of our War Loan stock, it was desirable to keep down the rate of interest on Government issues.

These considerations have still great force, but other considerations have apparently decided the authorities to remove the embargo.

The opening of the London market to foreign issues will have diverse results. Some will be beneficial; others will be disadvantageous.

It will for a time depress the price of Government and other gilt-edged securities; it will make borrowing for municipal and industrial purposes a little more expensive; it will divert investments to foreign countries, which otherwise would have been invested at home.

BUT, on the other hand, it will stimulate the export trade, and this is probably the reason why the embargo has been removed.

Whether the full possibilities of improved export trade are realised or not will depend greatly upon discriminating between different applications. The money lent will go out of this country in the form of goods, except where it is subscribed by the interest upon British investments held abroad.

If support be given to loans which are intended to develop the borrowing countries, there will be a stimulus to our export trade in manufactured goods.

It would be well, too, if preference were shown to those borrowers who do not put impassable tariff walls against British manufactures. Our lending power might be a useful weapon to reduce foreign tariffs.

The improvement of the export trade which is expected to result will have beneficial reactions on the home trade. It will absorb unemployed men for export work, and they will become customers for home productions.

THERE is, of course, a much wider aspect of this question of foreign loans than is raised by the reason for its removal in present circumstances. The capital market for home trade is saturated at present, and home investment would be mainly for luxury and speculative purposes.

If the money lent to foreigners were employed in development at home, all the advantages expected from the removal of the embargo would accrue. But that would mean a national policy which the country does not yet seem disposed to undertake. Failing that, the next best thing is to stimulate our depressed export trades by lending to the foreigner.

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A TRAGIC PICTURE

by The R.V. CANON DONALDSON, M.A.

THE problem of poverty has confronted the world for centuries. Unfortunately, little headway is made in combating it. Governments are content to let it slide, instead of treating it as a national canker to be fought and eradicated

TO-DAY, as ever, the problem of poverty is before the world. The great mass of mankind has always lived and died in poverty, tolerable or intolerable. Vast numbers have always existed upon the verge of want. Any failure of crops, or of trade, plunges these people into a vortex of misery from which there is no escape.

Every civilisation has seemed incapable of finding effective remedy. From the day of the great Roman Empire to the time of the greater one of Britain, civilisation has been marred and shadowed not only by wars, but by poverty and its attendant miseries.

The fact that this experience of mankind belongs to the most pathetic of all tragedies, the "tragedy of frequency," only makes more poignant this sorrow of our race.

I think it was George Bernard Shaw who once defined poverty as "want of money." But the definition, though terse and smart, will not do.

Robinson Crusoe, shipwrecked on his island, had no circulating money, yet he was rich in comparison with our poor, because he had ample food and lodging, work and leisure, air and sunlight, and no rates, taxes or "expenses"!

Rich, yet poor

By "poverty" I mean not a simple life, with frugal food and daily work, but the want of life's necessities in food and clothing and shelter, in air and sunlight, in rest and recreation, in health and strength, the lack of decent comfort, the want of *status*, the lack of education, the bitter struggle with the world, the weary middle-age and the stricken last years, and the final breakdown from very want and hardship.

By "poverty" I mean, in our case, an organised community in which out of forty millions of people, one and a quarter millions are forced to Poor-law relief; a community in the greatest city of which over half a million souls live with their families in one-roomed tenements; a community in which, while the aggregate income rises in leaps and bounds, because scientific methods of production are more and more developed, we yet cannot adequately feed, clothe and house masses of our people.

Christianity camouflaged

The question at once arises, What was the attitude of Jesus Christ to this awful problem? Sometimes it is said that He was born poor; but really He was born into an artisan family of some *status*. Certainly He was not born into poverty in our sense of miserable penury. Notice, too, that He never enjoined poverty except in special cases for special purposes; on the contrary, He sets Himself against it.

The fact is we have "camouflaged" the teaching of Christ in order to cover our own iniquities. The Church at its best protected the poor and relieved their poverty, yet it has never "faced up to" the whole problem.

In the last two centuries, the era of our "industrial system," it has united with the world to tolerate in society what it should have condemned—viz., the awful exploitation and oppression of the poor. The sort of phrases we use, such as "poor but honest" (as if honesty was almost a monopoly of the well-to-do), reveal our apostasy from Christ's teaching.

In face of this situation we surely need a Christian philosophy of poverty and the poor. Yet, for ages, both Church and world have been content to evade the task. So far we have been content to attribute the misfortune of being poor to the dispensation of God!

Men have been content with the verdict of the Psalmist, "I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread." We thus settled the matter, and if we see a man in poverty we conclude he is punished for his own or his parents' sin!

Poverty means death

Yet for all this we have talked about the "deserving poor," though if there are any "deserving poor" where is our theory gone? The necessity for a revision of our thought and attitude is apparent if only because of the blasting, devastating effect of poverty upon the lives of men, women and children in modern times.

Poverty, *in the modern sense*, is the deadly foe of health, because it is the chief source of disease and premature death.

It counters the efforts of those who labour for social reformation; it undermines self-respect; it issues in despair, and brings many of its victims to drunkenness, crime and prison, and often to suicide; it is assistant to class distinction and class snobbery, and violates the dignity of personality.

Worst of all, it is cruel to the children and the babes within its influence, eating into their vitality, depressing their natural high spirits, and prematurely cuts off their lives.

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I recall the case of a boy of twelve whom I caught in my Leicester vicarage garden (in a large, poor parish), breaking the poor shrubs, just striving to pull out a few poor shoots. I jumped out of my study window and seized him before he could escape.

Yet, even as I did so, my anger melted into pity. He was a child of the slums, undersized because underfed, with ragged clothes and miserable boots, with pallid, unwashed face and neglected hair.

His age was twelve (he told me), and as I gazed upon him the thought of another Boy flashed into my mind—that glorious Boy Who lived at Nazareth and, at the age of twelve, went up with his parents to Jerusalem.

What had made this lad what he was? What but lack of food, light, air, warmth, and proper housing, lack of "home," lack of knowledge in mind and spirit—in a word, penury of body, mind and spirit!

Mothers as factory-fodder

I have seen babies in my parish lacking the essential baby food, milk. I have seen them left with the old granny, or some other makeshift nurse, because their mother turned out at 6 a.m. into the factory; and I have often thought of the great picture, loved throughout Christendom, of the Madonna and the Babe-Christ held in her arms, the symbol of holy motherhood.

Modern industry gives that ideal short shrift. With us, in our dark cities of the North (or in the sun-lit cities of the East) not only does "Rachael mourn for her children," but also her children mourn for Rachael, because she is not for them—she is for the factory machine!

Yet how can she help it? If the father

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is unemployed, or if, being employed, his wage is not enough, out she must go, to make up the family income, somehow.

I could tell, not from the Press reports, but from my own parochial experience, of the widow's heavy burdens, of sweated labour, of foreshortened school-days, of child labour, of fetid courts, of insanitary tenements, of districts where poverty and wretchedness abound; of adolescents, working from fourteen to sixteen and seventeen years of age, then to be cast adrift because their boy-wage must be increased.

I could tell of the humiliations put upon "the poor," just because they are poor and not well-to-do; or of their loss of scholarships because the child had no room in which to be quiet and to study.

The great adventure

I could tell of conditions leading to despair and to drink; and of conditions leading to magistrates courts, where half a dozen well-nurtured and well-placed gentlemen sit in judgment upon "the poor," and exercise what is, in reality, a class judgment upon the poor and poverty.

I could tell also of clean and wonderful poverty, where, in spite of adverse conditions, there emerges noble character and self-sacrificing goodness, marvellous mothers and fathers, and sweet children, full of grace and beauty of mind and body.

Yet, in spite of this, the general impression remains of poverty as we moderns know it, with its stern lumination of opportunity, with its penury and ugliness, with its wretched conditions (making easy ways for disease) and its depriving of the means of buoyant, happy living.

The great adventure therefore to which, in our day, all men of good will are called is to face up to this great tragedy of "civilisation," with courage, hope and determination.

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The battle with this tragedy will involve great principles of social justice and equity. It will mean the self-sacrifice of those who strive for reform; it will involve belief in great spiritual truths about mankind.

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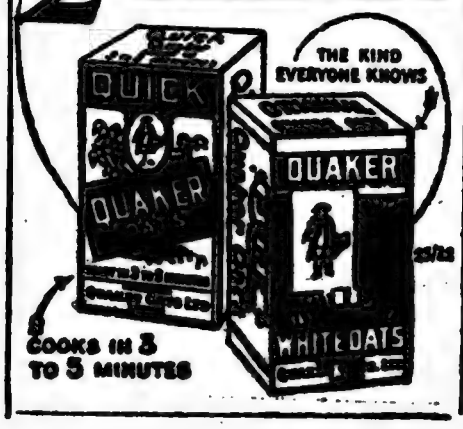

THE GREAT UNWASHED!

by FRANK GRAY, ex-M.P. for Oxford City

IN a tour of the Oxfordshire casual wards disguised as a tramp, Mr. Gray found scandalous conditions. His recommendations for drastic reforms we now submit to the Health Minister, with the demand for instant legislation

AFTER a tour of the casual wards, fraternising with the tramps as one of them, as I have just done, it would be easy to incite sympathy for them by painting a picture of interesting poets and children of Nature, loving only freedom, the open road and Nature. The picture would neither be real nor true.

In truth, the conduct of the tramps on the whole is bad and the conduct of the guardians a good deal worse, without half the excuse the tramps have for their conduct. Notwithstanding, there is a big streak of good in all these tramps, these outcasts and dregs of society. I hope there is in the guardians too.

Admittedly the guardians have a difficult problem to face in the casual pauper. The pure and unadulterated "tramp," representing but a percentage of the users of the casual wards, is an unsuccessful poet by Nature, loving freedom, absence of interference, and above all the lack of need to arrive at any decision for the morrow.

He would rather be dirty than interfered with. He is at war with society and its conventions; to him to beg, borrow or steal is but a political offence.

Promise and practice

Guardians exhibit public notices to the effect that the honest traveller has no need to beg, because he is provided with lodging and sufficient food. He is usually provided—at least in Oxfordshire—with a disgraceful lodging and always with insufficient food.

The guardians know, or can ascertain, that if they themselves had to discharge the three hours' work they impose upon others, and walk the average fifteen miles, which the tramp must do, they could not sustain themselves on the allotted ration.

The tramp begs to find the balance of necessary food, to maintain his scanty wardrobe, of which no account is taken, and to buy drink to deaden his sorrows. So would I; so would the guardians.

The ranks of the tramps pure and simple are swollen, first by those who, under a system of proper inspection and supervision of casuals and the strict enforcement of the law, would be removed from the casual ward to a lunatic asylum.

To a much larger extent, the tramps' ranks are swollen by those who fall out of the race of life. Crime gives its quota, drink accords a larger share

Few genuine workers

Another class represented is the navvy type, men hefty and strong, who will work hard on a construction job for three or four months, pick a quarrel with the foreman and set out on the road, first sleeping at the "doss" houses while their funds last, and thereafter in the casual wards, carrying on when possible poaching, begging and stealing.

After a spell of wandering, to satisfy the lust for it, they will be found on another construction job.

My assertion that not more than 5 per cent. of the occupiers of casual wards are genuine workers has been questioned and denied. In truth I have overstated the percentage; it is less.

At Headington Workhouse, out of twenty-five casual paupers, not one could produce an employment card, even to secure his immediate release and save himself three hours' hard labour. At Bicester there was one with a card and at Banbury none.

This then is the material and problem of humanity the Oxfordshire guardians are called upon to deal with, and now let us see how they do it.

I visited and slept at seven of the eight casual wards in Oxford and Oxfordshire. The eighth, Chipping Norton, I was unable to reach, as my calculations were upset by detention at the Bicester Workhouse two nights instead of one.

I am now told that Chipping Norton is the best casual ward in Oxfordshire. The place you don't see is always either the best or the worst. I hope Chipping Norton is the best.

Fed like animals

At all casual wards visited in conformity with Poor Law regulations, the casual receives on arrival eight ounces of bread, two of margarine and a pint of unsweetened thin tea or cocoa.

This is repeated for breakfast, and on departure he receives eight ounces of bread and two of cheese, or alternatively a paper order (a bread ticket), to be converted at a tradesman's *en route* to the next workhouse.

The Woodstock guardians unnecessarily send the casual two and a half miles off his nearest route to get eight ounces of bread and two ounces of cheese. The tramp sometimes tears up the ticket, begs for food on the nearest route and Woodstock saves 4d., the value of the food.

At Woodstock, too, you spread your bread with two ounces of margarine with your claws after you have been deprived of your knife, and at Henley, Bicester and Banbury, inadequate provision is made to enable casuals to eat their food like men instead of wolves.

All workhouses, in exchange for the food and lodging, demand a minimum of three hours' work. If the work was done and paid for on an economic basis, at the standard rate of wage for general labourers of the district, it would represent 2s. 9d.

Winking at idleness

The guardians know that the ninepennyworth (at the most) of food which they give, the horrible lodging they provide, couldn't justify this value of work being exacted, so they wink at the tramp only pretending to work for three hours. They thus acquiesce in idleness and with it lost self-respect.

The tramp, on the other hand, being human, considers that he has done three hours' work in return for a filthy lodging and insufficient food, which he alleges is often given by the officials in short weight.

What is the nature of the lodgings provided by the guardians of Oxfordshire? At five out of seven wards visited, the casuals are compelled to strip, tie their clothes into bundles and pile them together as the surest and swiftest way of spreading vermin and disease.

At the remaining two casual wards you can do what you like with your clothing and indeed with yourself. You sleep in your clothes for warmth. At none of the casual wards do they exercise the power they possess of fumigating clothing.

At four out of the seven wards visited, you are compelled to bathe, at the remaining three you intrigue, scheme and plot, to secure a wash: At three out of the four where you bathe, you are permitted to use water used by other tramps and to use their wet and dirty towels.

All the casual wards of Oxfordshire are unsuitable in construction for their purpose, except Oxford and Bicester. Thame, Headington and Banbury are insanitary and dangerous to health.

Mr. Frank Gray

Uncongenial companions

Headington and Thame are dirtier than the tramps that frequent them, while at Banbury the casuals share their cold, solitary cells with mice, if not rats. The sanitary customs during the night at Henley, Banbury and Thame are indecent, filthy, and disgusting. At Henley the space accorded to casuals is such as to offend against both the rules of health and decency.

At five out of seven casual wards the tramp is kept in the street till the clock strikes six, and at certainly some of these five, whatever the weather, wet, wind or snow. That is why the casual commits crimes during the last hour before six.

Finally, I allege against Bicester a calculated plan to drive casuals at night from the door by threats, so that proof of the little need of the ward shall be established and then it may be closed. The Bicester guardians have so far succeeded as to reduce the average number of tramps from twenty-five to five.

None of the workhouses under review can claim that the conditions and treatment compare favourably with the worst jail in England. No country can justify casual wards being worse then prisons.

New methods to adopt

I plead for different treatment, not better. Treat these men as human beings, classify, inspect them and supervise them, give them a clean lodging.

Tell the public that you give these men sufficient sustenance and a pittance of cash so that they need not beg, and the public will co-operate with you and the police to stop begging. I shan't co-operate as things stand at present, neither will any good citizen with a kind heart.

Make these men wash themselves and their clothing, teach them to respect their persons and appearance. Watch men come out of a casual ward to-day, and you know it is a hideous mockery to believe anybody will employ them.

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VOTES, BUT NO VOICE

by **JOHN H. HUMPHREYS** *(Secretary Proportional Representation Society)*

THE British voter has many illusions. Perhaps the greatest is that by slipping a voting paper into the ballot-box at election times he secures a voice in national and municipal affairs.

As things are, under the present grotesque electoral system huge blocks of ratepayers and taxpayers are completely disfranchised.

At the recent municipal elections, hundreds of thousands of citizens who recorded their votes are left without a shadow of representation, because they supported a Party which happened to be in a minority in their borough.

In Hackney the Municipal Reform Party secured the whole of the sixty seats on the council with 24,449 votes; Labour, with 12,613 votes, got no seats at all. The same thing happened in Chelsea, Holborn, Lewisham, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth and Westminster.

In every one of these boroughs a council has been elected containing no Opposition Party. The anti-Labour members have 100 per cent. majorities, although they polled only 60 per cent. of the total votes.

In Battersea and Shoreditch it was the other way round, Labour having the luck in the election lottery. In Battersea the Municipal Reformers had a clear ballot-paper majority over Labour with 17,327 votes to 13,971. But Labour won the election with 29 seats against 25.

SHOREDITCH Council consists of 26 Labour members, 10 Progressives and 6 Municipal Reformers, showing a Labour majority of 10 seats. Their supporters were in a decided minority, numbering 4,926 against 7,173 who voted for the other Parties.

The entire eight seats in the Munster Ward, Fulham, were won for Municipal Reform with a tiny majority in each case. A small turnover would have sent the whole lot of them Labour. A fair proportion, either way, would be five seats to three. As it is, nearly half the ratepayers are unrepresented.

It is no argument to say that if one Party loses by the arrangement in one borough it gains in another, and the total of Municipal Reform and Labour seats is in proportion to the total votes.

Unrepresented ratepayers in Shoreditch, for example, who have their own peculiar problems, find little consolation in the fact that a large block of voters in Wandsworth of opposite views are likewise disfranchised.

MINORITIES in Parliamentary elections suffer from the same monstrous injustice. At the last General Election the Conservatives won 382 seats with 7,450,990 votes, Labour 142 seats with 5,483,088 votes, and the Liberals only 34 seats with 3,008,097 votes.

In the South of England, Labour and Liberal together secured only one seat with 929,599 votes. With 1,456,702 votes the Conservatives won 84 seats.

The only remedy is Proportional Representation. In municipal elections, whatever number of councillors are in a ward, each elector has one vote, which he records by putting the figure 1 against the name of his first choice.

The figures 2, 3 and so on are recorded against the candidates next in order of favour. Suppose a ward has six seats and there are six thousand votes, any one of the candidates who obtains a sixth of the votes must be elected.

If the votes are widely "scattered," and one candidate is given more than his quota, and others less, the transferable vote comes into play.

To illustrate the difference in the results under the two systems, I shall take the Church Ward, Shoreditch, where Labour at the late election won nine seats with 7,512 votes, Municipal Reform and Progressive having none at all with 5,092 and 3,792 votes respectively.

Mr. John H. Humphreys

Under Proportional Representation, Labour would have had four seats, Municipal Reform three, and Progressive two, surely the only fair proportions.

PROPORTIONAL Representation has been tested under many conditions, and has proved satisfactory. It has ensured the election of public bodies which are in every sense representative.

Every substantial body of citizens with a particular point of view is certain to secure spokesmen who can vote for them on decisions which intimately affect their daily life.

As things are, the so-called democratic machine of the ballot-box is a farce, so far as it affects nearly 30 per cent. of the ratepayers of Britain.

To Those About to Marry!

by **THOMAS BOWEN PARTINGTON,** *the well-known Public Health and Morality Lecturer*

LOOKING at men in the mass, how few examples of perfect manhood do you find in a crowd of ten thousand men? Look at the enervated and stunted fathers; the nervous and sickly mothers; the puny and weakly children; the poorly developed bodies and dwarfed minds.

Why should a large percentage of our children be physically or mentally defective at birth? Why should hundreds born in country and town die in their first year? Why should crime, insanity, feeble-mindedness and epilepsy have increased in recent years?

Love of money and pleasure explains the one; man's fallen condition explains the other.

I stood one day in an institution for children. They were children that were blind, children deaf and dumb, children that were mentally deficient. Not one child that was 50 per cent. a child, not one child but what it seemed better had he never been born.

And everyone was paying on its innocent little body the price of a father's rottenness, the price of a mother's sin.

MEN talk of "sowing their wild oats." But what of the reaping? The reaping is seen in the fact that many a child is born only to survive for a few months or years of misery. Saturated with disease from birth, other children may become physical and mental degenerates.

Take the following terrible record from the Report of the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases: "In one series of cases, out of 1,001 pregnancies in 150 families where syphilis existed, there occurred 172 miscarriages and still-births, and 229 infant deaths; while of 600 live children 390 were diseased." Thus out of every ten children at least seven were stricken by death or disease.

WHAT is the way out? Various things can be suggested, but in this article I submit the following: Greater care shall be taken in seeing to it that when a young man and woman marry they are physically fit.

It is this which has given rise to the question so often debated by laymen as well as medical man, whether on legal and politico-social grounds the contraction of marriage ought not to be made dependent upon the proofs that the bodily health is good, or that there is at least an absence of diseases which may be a source of danger to the other partner or to the eventual children.

By a marriage certificate of health I mean a document which would state that the bearer of the certificate, having the intention to get married, has subjected himself to a medical examination.

The certificate would have to be handed by the candidate for marriage to the other intended partner, or to his or her authorised legal representative.

At the celebration of the marriage the officiating person would have to satisfy himself that the health certificate had been duly handed over, without it being necessary for him to inform himself as to its material contents.

I do not suggest that such certificates should have to do with the prohibiting of marriage of individuals affected with certain diseases or who are generally of feeble health. But what I do submit would be the effect of the introduction of such certificates is:

1. Greater regard will be paid, as a rule, to the conditions of health than has hitherto been the case; and

2. That frivolous or unscrupulous conduct on the part of diseased candidates for marriage will, as far as possible, be prevented.

This double object is certainly of sufficient importance, and it can be achieved without serious difficulty.

SEXUAL diseases have assumed the character of destructive epidemics which constitute a growing danger to individuals as well as to the public health.

Here the certificate of health would act as a beneficial measure of the deepest importance. The results could not be otherwise than favourable. The sense of responsibility for one's own health and for that of others—which to-day seems to be blunted—would be revived and strengthened.

Nervousness *v.* Nervelessness.

How to regain or develop Nerve Strength and banish Brain and Nerve Weakness.

THE "HIGHER" AND THE "LOWER" NEURASTHENIA

"Nervous People are the Salt of the Earth."

Never were truer words penned. But Dr. F. W. Schofield, the author of them, was careful to explain that in the original Greek conception the word nervous meant "strong in nerve," a very different idea from the modern interpretation which confounds "nervousness" with "nervelessness."

The neurasthenic are the nerveless rather than the nervous, though here again there is often some confusion of thought. For there are what Professor Maurice de Fleury has called the "higher" neurasthenics, the creators, the men and women of imagination and vision, the initiators, and the innovators as well as the "lower," those whose "nervelessness" renders them temporarily inept and reduces all their powers to impotence.

Some famous Neurasthenics.

However, custom and use have brought us to accept the nervous as the nerve weak, though the nervous whom Dr. Schofield had in mind were probably more correctly the "higher neurasthenic" of the famous French savant. Of such was Michelet, the great French Historian, who confessed his need every day for what he called a "tugboat" even for his giant brain. So was even the mighty Darwin, who could only work at pressure for a few moments at a time. So were many of those flashing geniuses who at various times have "held the world in awe," including him who confessed that all his best work had been written in bed for the better conservation of his limited store of nervous energy.

To come down to a lower level, however, every brain worker, especially in these times of high pressure and tension, knows the difficulty of struggling bravely and often hopelessly against the under-tug of an ebbing nerve stream, knows how work that was easy somehow becomes difficult, knows how the "bogey" of failure ever looms up to affright and unnerve, knows how continuity of mental effort becomes less and less possible, and, worst of all, knows and recognises personally that deteriorations in his or her work which is or may be revealed in the work itself to those who provide an audience. What writer or painter, what musician, what actor, what preacher, what public speaker, has not felt the chill of that terror in their very bones?

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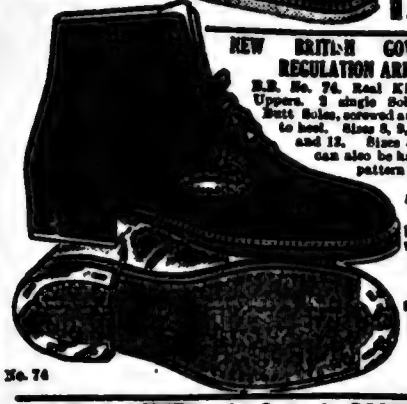

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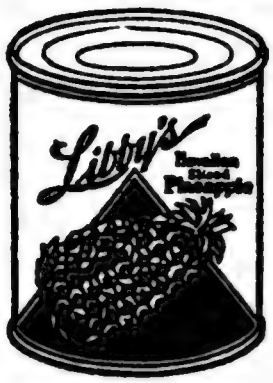

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'FROM OUT THE SHADOWS'

Back to Life and Love

by PHILIP INMAN

THE out-patient department of a hospital—that to me is the most dramatic spot in the world. Here are men and women who have come in search of that priceless possession, health.

They want to know if that mysterious pain in the back is to mean a temporary break with life, a white bed, an operating-table, or if they will be sent away like a caged bird released, having heard the assuring words, "There is nothing to worry about."

I have just spent an hour amongst these "particles of diseased humanity." It is an experience that thrills.

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A MAN and a woman, no longer young, and both dressed in deep mourning, sit together on one of the back rows. There is a far-away look in their eyes—a sure sign that sorrow has not passed them by. Not a word have they spoken to each other since they entered the room.

Quietly I slip into a seat beside the woman. One look tells me why she has not replied to my kindly greeting. Her soul is too full for words and she is struggling to hide the emotion which threatens to overwhelm.

The man comes to the rescue and tells me something of the anguish that, like a canker, has eaten into their very marrow.

THE day before the Armistice their elder boy, then only nineteen, was killed in action in France. Six years later, or just a year ago, their remaining son had died from consumption. With only one child left, a girl of sixteen, they banked their all upon her.

From infancy she had been delicate and since her brother's death she had gradually lost ground. That day she had been conveyed to the hospital in an ambulance. She was now in the examination-room and they were waiting to know the best—or the worst.

The woman found her voice at last. "She is all the world to us and if she is taken from us then"—she stopped, but it was not hard to read her thoughts.

Into the consulting-room I make my way and the official report of this patient is, at my request, brought to me.

In a flash I read the fateful words. She is suffering from diabetic coma; even now she is unconscious. She is almost a skeleton and already the grim spectre of death seems to have settled on her face.

The specialist re-enters the room and there is the glint of battle in his eyes. Two years ago that girl would have been dead within forty-eight hours. To-day, thanks to a miracle of modern medicine she has a chance.

For an hour the doctor toils unceasingly. Now and again he feels the patient's pulse, then he lifts her eyelid, finally he injects something into her arm.

Infinite patience has its reward. Out of the shadows that girl is snatched back to life and to love. "She'll do now," mutters the doctor, wiping the perspiration from his brow.

THE waiting father and mother are called into the room. On their faces is a look of intense expectation. "Is it to be life or death?" is the mute appeal written in their eyes. In a word the doctor tells them the glad tidings.

The mother makes her way to the couch where her child lay. Stooping down and kissing her forehead she says, very simply, "God has not failed us." A world of meaning was in these words.

The Sentence of the Court

Jix's Jig-Saw

Bananas and Monkey Nuts

WHEN charged with harbouring a suspected person, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, having first removed his foot from his mouth, where it has a habit of straying, pleaded "Not guilty."

"The suspected person mentioned," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "is the notorious female, 'Dora.' Practically the last survival of the 'Dora' schedules is the Shops Act, which it was generally supposed would be superseded by a measure more in keeping with peace-time notions; yet the accused announces that this unwanted war baby is to be given a fresh lease of life.

"Nobody has ever mastered the provisions of this absurd Act, so no shopkeeper knows when he may embark on a career of crime by selling a ham sandwich in the close season.

"Why a person who wants to buy a cigarette after 8 p.m. should be forced by the Act to purchase a sardine on toast at the same time is almost as much of a mystery as is the Home Secretary's plebeian preference for roasted monkey-nuts as against hot pies, for whereas the former can be bought at any old time, hot pies are transformed into statutory offences after 8 p.m.

"The fact that he instructs his minions to smile benevolently upon a sponge cake after 8 p.m., by which time a bun, if it permits itself to be bought, sacrifices all claims to respectability, might earn for the Home Secretary the sobriquet of 'Sweets William,' but for the fact that he frowns upon post-curfew chocolates as if they were bombs manufactured by spectral Communists.

"But why catalogue such anomalies? Suffice it to say that this farce has gone on long enough. That Sir W. Killjoynson-Hicks should seek to perpetuate it shows how hopelessly out of touch he is with public feeling."

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"The evil effects of these regulations," said Mr. Strawsplitter, "have been grossly exaggerated. They have been carefully framed so that nobody need ever go hungry or thirsty. There are hours in which beer may be bought, and hours dedicated to ginger-pop.

"True, we have no bananas after 8 p.m., but green figs and loganberries are obtainable up to midnight. If anyone wants a midnight meal of loganberries, lemonade, hot pies, currant buns *and* bananas, the law should protect him against his own eccentricity."

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"WHEN I view these weird regulations," remarked Mr. Justice Bull, "I can only assume that the prisoner is trying to counter the 'Eat more fruit' campaign with 'Eat more monkey-nuts' propaganda; though this, of course, does not explain why he should try to popularise sardines by forcing them upon citizens who desire cigarettes.

"The Act is a hopeless conglomeration of vexatious anomalies, and why the prisoner should associate himself with a discredited female like 'Dora' is a mystery. However strenuously he may seek to perpetuate these absurd restrictions, public opinion will eventually assert itself and forbid the banns.

"The sentence of the Court is that the prisoner shall not be permitted to wear a waistcoat after 9.25 p.m., to consume food after 11.6 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays, or to make speeches on the 'red' menace except during Leap Year."

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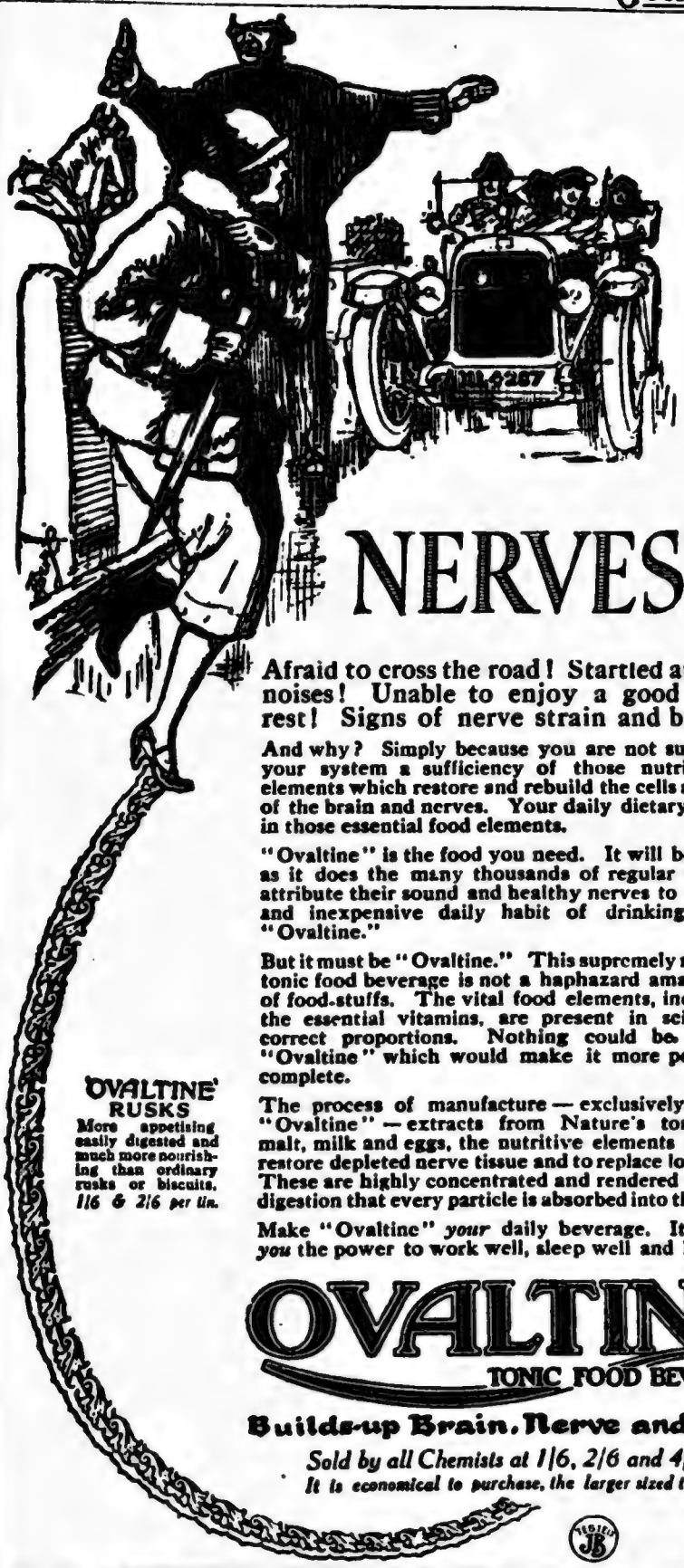

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THE TRAGEDY OF "ALF"

Minds Stunted in the Making

by **MABEL HORNER**

CHARLES OSBORNE is a London lad, living with his parents in Battersea, who, for some unknown reason, his family call Alf. Alf works as an errand-boy.

The other day, following his employment in Regent Street, that thoroughfare of costly shops and princely merchandise, he was knocked down by a taxi-cab. He was picked up, suffering from severe shock, and carried to a hospital.

There his mother found him later, cared for and comfortable, in a clean, white hospital cot. She gazed strangely at the unaccustomed sight.

Then, all unconsciously, her terrible indictment of our social conditions burst out. "Oh lor," she cried, "our Alf in a blanket. Don't he look funny? *He's never slept in a bed before.*"

There are many Alfs, thousands of them in London, this beautiful and wealthy queen of cities; they are in every industrial town and even in our lovely and picturesque English villages.

Everywhere, throughout the land, there are British children being robbed of every birthright of decent and discreet home-life. Such hapless youngsters rest, if rest it may be termed, on filthy rags, on heaps of straw or old clothes, in any old corner where another human body can be squeezed.

THEY are crowded and airless, sleeping without regard to age or sex. They are housed under conditions which a stock master would not allow his cattle to suffer, knowing that by doing so they could not be healthy. Sometimes Alf has a bed. If so he must share it. He may take a share with married people twice his age or with youngsters in the family.

In one case recently unearthed there was a double row, boys at one end of the bed and girls at the other, feet to feet.

This state of affairs, repeated wherever the housing problem is acute, is threefold in evil. Its terrible effect upon physique is one that every doctor can attest. The magistrates, at their wits' end with juvenile delinquents, more sinned against than sinning, can tell of the spiritual deterioration induced.

But, worse than all this, is the shattering effect that bad home-life has upon the mentality of the race. In the realm of the intellect it is fatal.

IT is passing strange that we hear so little about this aspect of the matter, if only for the simple fact that it has been made the subject of searching Governmental enquiry.

Scientific intelligence tests by specialists and doctors were applied in the schools. Their findings form a working basis for sound judgment.

We need to know if pupils coming from better-class families, where food is plentiful and home-life good, are brighter than children from a poorer neighbourhood. We must ask if children whose parents earn very poor, irregular wages, make slower progress in school work. Is it hard for a poor boy to learn?

Well, the Medical Research Council, appointed by the Privy Council, asked and found an answer to this very thing. It demonstrates very clearly that the influence of home conditions upon intelligence is a very positive one.

A child who "never has a bed," who breathes bad air, is stinted of food and dressed in rags, has its life chances reduced to one in three.

Poverty, dreadful conditions are fearful handicaps. Genius may override them. So much is proved by life stories of the great, men and women, whose names will never perish so long as the history of the human race is writ.

H.M. the Queen, who by personal inspection has informed herself of the terrible home conditions in some of London's slums

But the vast majority of children are merely Alfs. They are neither great dullards nor great geniuses. They are ordinary, everyday, working units, each with an average potentiality of intelligence which it is the nation's duty to develop.

Its institutions, prosperity, peace and security, rest not upon the transcendent genius of one or two, but upon the combined intelligence of all its citizens.

WE shall multiply Alfs and lower that intelligence at our peril. On the other hand we can urge that the Government shall proceed to act upon the findings of the Privy Council Research Council.

We can clean up the slums and build homes. We have a woman in the Ministry of Education; it is a fitting matter for her to raise in the House.

The Cannon Fodder Baby

by **DR. MARIE STOPES** (*President of the Society for Constructive Birth Control and Racial Progress, Author of "Married Love"*)

DR. STOPES will write a series of articles on topics of vital interest to women. She invites correspondence, and readers' queries addressed to her at this office will be dealt with if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

THE ghastly War, still fresh in our memories, and from which we have not yet fully emerged, has made every intelligent person passionately desire that there shall be no more war.

Alas, to those knowing something of present-day affairs, the "safeguards" against war look even more fragile than scraps of paper—look as though they would be but puffs of smoke before a nation determined to make war.

The peoples of the world are now so interlocked that any one of the larger nations initiating war would almost inevitably involve the whole world once more in a holocaust more frightful than that through which we have just passed.

THE blood of our young men would once more dye the fields, once more the dirt of the ditches would fester in gaping limbs, and bodies that meant life and death to their mothers would be used as manure.

Sons are even more precious to their mothers now than they were a generation ago, for as women become more highly civilised so their flesh suffers more with motherhood, and their spirits having more to give feel more agonisingly the appalling waste and sacrilege of treating the fruits of love as cannon fodder.

"All agreed," says every rational being. No! Mussolini in Italy incites to war. He is glad the Italians are too prolific! He says:

"THE Italian people are too prolific. I am glad of it. I will never countenance birth-control propaganda. Births exceed deaths by 440,000 yearly in this small peninsula. . . . As the country grows, only three roads are open to it: To addict itself to voluntary sterility—Italians are too intelligent to do that—*to make war*, or to seek outlets for the over-population."

What outlets has Italy? The lands of the nations adjacent to her. To take them from their lawful possessors means—*war*.

The other outlets are the nations which receive emigrants, America for instance. But America has already decided to check Italian emigration. The numbers of emigrants allowed into America are strictly rationed, and even two or three years ago, only about one-tenth of the Italian applicants were granted passports.

The rest are being bottled up until some spark ignites the explosive mixture and the nation which is glad of over-population will devastate the world.

Nations must not be allowed to overrun one another, but must learn to develop within their own ranks and grow *upwards*, morally as well as physically. If each nation cultivates its land sanely and regulates its own population within the limits set by its own frontiers, the main incitement to war vanishes.

I have made up a little tag that I wish the people of this country would chant until it echoes round the world:

"No people may breed
More mouths than they feed."

BIRTH control is the only true peace-maker, the only fundamental guarantee against war. The League of Nations can tinker at the etceteras with great advantage, but the Palace of Peace must be built on the solid rock of self-controlled motherhood.

Other human efforts for peace are like clutching at the reflection of the moon, searching for the ends of rainbows, sighing wearily for wings with which to fly away and be at peace.

Birth control offers a firm foundation of solid rock on which an enduring Palace of Peace may be built, under the shelter of whose arches mothers may bear sons hopeful and confident that the young men will be used for life and not for death.

Weather Perils

THIS changeable weather is proving a great source of danger to the strong as well as the weak-chested.

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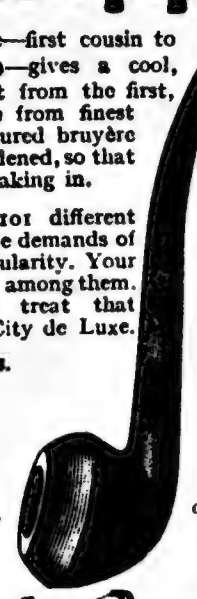

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"IN 1914 I married a young Austrian violinist. We seemed to agree perfectly, and when, in 1916, our little daughter was born, our cup of joy seemed overflowing.

"After the War, however, my husband returned to Germany, and, although conditions there appeared very distressing, after three months I decided that my place was by his side.

"On arriving in Germany, I found to my horror that he had taken a mistress, whom he tried to force on me as a congenial companion. He promised to give her up, and as I loved him, I forgave what I thought was a lapse on his part.

"I had to undergo a serious operation, and while I was in hospital he made the acquaintance of a well-to-do chemist's daughter. Telling me of his friendship with the father, he persuaded me, on leaving hospital, to move to the house of these people.

"We did so, and then I began to plumb the depths of my husband's depravity. His conduct with the daughter caused me such anxiety that my recovery was retarded, and I was without sleep for weeks together.

"THE daughter, who was a qualified chemist, mixed me a sleeping draught each night, which I found later was in reality opium, and I was kept day after day in a comatose condition, while my husband and his lover were enjoying themselves.

"This liaison of his came to an end when he tired of the woman, and her father asked us to leave his house.

"Soon afterwards he obtained a good engagement in Sweden, but I had to remain in Berlin until the birth of our second child. When I rejoined him, he behaved so nicely that I really began to believe that my efforts to reclaim him had not been in vain.

"But, alas! when the third child was born, he reverted to his old habits, and I was obliged, for the sake of my health and my children, to go back to England.

"I learned later that soon after I left him he started a fresh liaison, posing as a single man, and he had the effrontery to come to England to make a most shameful proposal to me.

"THE girl was expecting a child, and he actually suggested that I should divorce him in order that he might marry her and so give the child a name, and then divorce her, which he could do easily in Sweden, and remarry me.

"Naturally, I refused to be a party to such an abominable arrangement, and he returned to Sweden.

"Since that time, the allowance he promised me has been paid very irregularly, and but for my landlady I should not be alive. For the climax came last month, when my reason began to totter, and I left the house with the intention of committing suicide. It was my landlady, who had become anxious about my condition, who saved me.

"I appealed to the police for help, and they told me that if they heard nothing from my husband within a stated time they would deport me and the children to Austria. My husband is evidently anxious to avoid this, and at the last moment he has sent me money, but my difficulty is this :

"I have been warned that my hold on life is precarious, and if anything should happen to me, I dread to think what would become of my children.

"My own life is no longer worth anything to me, but for the sake of my children I am even willing to return to my husband. He has an income of about £80 a month, yet, apparently, he is perfectly prepared to see me die and leave his little ones unprovided for.

"Do please, 'Humanist,' advise a distracted wife and mother."

"HUMANIST" says:—*The story of your husband's heartless treatment of you should move anyone to indignation. It is, of course, the business of the Austrian Consul in London to look after your welfare, but I suggest that you should communicate with the Home Secretary, who will no doubt be able, in consultation with the Austrian authorities, to arrange for your deportation and proper maintenance for yourself and your children by your husband.*

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Fears for the Future

"MY mother, who is not yet fifty years of age, is slowly dying from an incurable disease, and the doctor has given her only a few months to live.

"I am the eldest daughter of a family of ten, and up to last April I was in domestic service, but owing to my mother's illness I had to leave my situation.

"At that time it was hoped that an operation would save my mother's life, but, unfortunately, the surgeons found, after operating, that there was no cure, and gave us the worst news, so that now I have to take my mother's place and do my best to bring up the family.

"I like housework, and am very fond of the children, and I would not mind having to remain at home but for the fact that it seems as though all my plans for the future have come tumbling to the ground.

"For three years, though not formally engaged, I have been keeping company with a young man, and we have been looking forward to marrying. As things are, however, I cannot see how I can hope to become his wife for some years.

"I have a sister who is nearly nineteen, but she is not of much use in the home.

"My father is not in constant work, and I am, therefore, not able to have any money for my own use, and have little opportunity of buying clothes, let alone saving for a home.

"I love my boy, but it seems very unfair to him to keep him tied to me with so little prospect of marriage.

"Do you think I ought to give him up, and devote myself entirely to the little ones who, we know, will so soon be motherless?"

"HUMANIST" says:—*What has the young man to say about it? After all, it is his business, more than yours, to save up for the home, and if he is the right sort he will improve the years of waiting by making provision for your future.*

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Foolish Wives

"I AM writing on behalf of two married women friends of mine who are in great trouble. Some time ago one of the husbands had to go on short time unexpectedly, and not wishing to add to his worry, the wife, in order to meet various bills, went to a moneylender and borrowed £2, promising to repay £2 16s. at the rate of 2s. 6d. a week.

"The other woman signed as surety, and the moneylender quite understood that the matter was to be kept secret.

"When only £1 remained owing, the moneylender persuaded her to sign a note for £3, to be repaid at 3s. a week, the interest bringing the total up to £4 4s., though the woman received only £2 in cash.

"So matters went on until he tried to induce her to take £1 in cash and sign a note for £7, to be repaid at 5s. weekly, the £7 consisting of old loans and interests, plus 8s. in the pound interest.

"I have urged her not to do anything so foolish, but the moneylender is pressing both women hard for repayment, and they are nearly out of their minds with worry."

"HUMANIST" says: *The women should tell their husbands, and then defy the moneylender to do his worst. It is characteristic of moneylenders to terrorise wives who borrow unknown to their menfolk, and such a despicable usurer would receive little sympathy if he dared to go to court.*

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"I would like to adopt a child of gentle birth, with a good sum down, as of course a lot of money would be needed to keep it in clothes and doctor's bills until it was fourteen years old. I am a widow, and I promise that it would be well cared for. Can you tell me how to get a child that way?"

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Impetuous Youth

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"Humanist" says: *I am afraid that nothing you can say will alter a girl's determination to marry a man with whom she is madly infatuated, but it is certainly your duty to tell her what you know of the man's character so that she may not enter into bondage blindfolded.*

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"I was sentenced to five days' imprisonment for theft fifty-one years ago. I am afraid to apply for an old-age pension lest that conviction should be brought up against me, and I should be debarred. Please tell me whether I am entitled to a pension."

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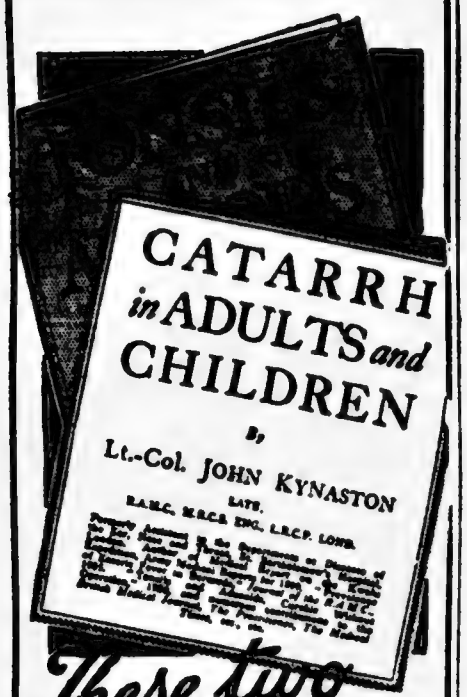

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War's Continual Preparation

Major-Gen. Maurice's picture of 10,000,000 Londoners streaming to the country may be regarded as far fetched, but it is well within the bounds of possibility. Some will argue that we are immune from war for many years to come. That matters little. Heaven help this country when war does come if we are not fully prepared, for the science of aviation will not have stood still in the interval.—*Ex-Soldier, Grantown-on-Spey.*

Futile Hope

One must hope that Major-Gen. Maurice's "Staggering Thought" will never be translated into a staggering reality. But hoping will not prevent it; nothing but a united will-to-peace will avail. The opposition is strong; not only vested interests in the shape of armament rings and international financiers, but ambitious politicians and grasping nationalities, all provide causes of war. Nothing but persistent education in the necessity of peace will avail.—*F. L. R., New Cross.*

Unpalatable Warnings

Everyone should read the warning of Major-Gen. Maurice on the possibility of a next war and all its horrors. Britain is no longer invulnerable, and every citizen should realise there is something more to live for than indulgence and pleasure. All have a great duty to perform, and that is to work unceasingly for peace, good will and brotherhood between all nations. The warnings may be unpalatable, but better digest them than perish in ignorance.—*L. R., Oldham.*

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Paralysing Parasites

The delicious languor in which our "gilded youths" live can have only one effect. Many of them seem to have an unending supply of easy money at their disposal, without having done an honest day's work in their lives. These parasites constitute a real menace to our national life to-day. Money should only come as a reward for work accomplished, and until we all realise this, there will always be much unrest.—*W. O., Wrexham.*

Little Land Lords

Sir William Beach Thomas is right when he says land in England is wasted in growing weeds instead of corn. When big estates are broken up the better, because small-holdings not only grow more food, but employ more labour. I know two farmers. One farms 150 acres, the other seventy, but the latter grows more corn than the former, because he cultivates more land and employs more labour. To make England independent of foreign countries is the better cultivation of the soil.—*Clodhopper, Norfolk.*

Parliament and Slate Clubs

I agree with Mr. Frank Briant, M.P., when he says there must be compulsory registration and the adoption of standard rules for loan and slate clubs. I have been a treasurer of a slate club and I know how easy it would be for anyone in that position to get away with the money. It is time that Parliament protected the members of these clubs, and I hope to see a Bill passed next session.—*Laurence Fry, Ilkeston.*

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The Miner's Fight

I read yet again of a fresh colliery accident, of women and children gathered round the pithead waiting in acute suspense to hear whether their menfolk have paid their lives as part of the cost of obtaining coal. Meanwhile, the coal-owners spend part of the profits attempting to persuade the public that the miners' struggle for better conditions is unjustified. The British public is bluffed easily at times, but its sympathies will always rank solidly behind the miner in the fight.—*V. Foulkes, Birmingham.*

Mr. Gee Gnashes

Your outspoken defence of the miner would put many so-called Labour leaders to shame. The general conditions prevailing among the British miners to-day are appalling, and Mr. Gee knows it. I fancy this gentleman is gnashing his teeth over your splendid attitude towards a just cause. My own earnings for the past eighteen months have averaged considerably less than 30s. a week. The cause of this has been—in addition to low wages—accident, illness and short time, all of which must be taken into consideration.—*A Miner, East Kirkby.*

Life's Outlook

There are quite a few well-to-do capitalists, and not a few extreme Socialists, no doubt, who read JOHN BULL regularly, but I am convinced that quite 99 per cent. of your readers belong to neither of these classes. Hence their value to the country. Those who belong to "that million" (and may it soon be many more) are being educated every week to look upon life in a broad, co-operative spirit; how to live happily, yet doing one's duty; how to be patriotic, yet knowing that there are other countries than ours; and learning that Peace is the greatest victory our country can gain.—*Common Sense, Kirkcaldy.*

Killing the Soul

A few days ago a youth about eighteen years of age came to my door with a cocoa tin and asked for hot water. He was handed a cup of tea, but with tears in his eyes he refused, for fear of being seen and locked up for begging. He was five miles from town, and was tramping another six miles to get to the nearest workhouse for the night. He looked a respectable lad brought down by unemployment. Will the Government try to lift up these broken lads before they are driven to worse things?—*S. M., Essex.*

The Right Note

In a country shadowed by such a heavy cloud of industrial unrest as Britain is at present, it is indeed a pleasure to hear a note of optimism struck by such a well-known writer as Mr. A. G. Gardiner. That the country's greatest trouble, unemployment, has been greatly decreased serves to add colour to his statements. While heartily agreeing that the "dole" has saved the country in recent years, we are now able to look forward with pleasure to the time when such relief will be unnecessary.—*A. G. Wells, Glam.*

Fatal Postponement

"Do it Now" is one of the most virile paragraphs Mr. E. R. Thompson has given us. Too often, through a sheer idea of one's incapacity, a piece of work has been postponed—with the fatal result that the opportunity has for ever gone. A spirit of determined effort, ready for immediate service, is the greatest possible asset. Too many of us fail because our resolutions are made for the future and not for to-day.—*R. E., Birmingham.*

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Radio Talks.

The Voice that is Still

by Professor A. M. LOW, Fellow of the Radio Association

ONE of the most instructive questions to ask the listening public is, "What is wrong with broadcasting?" No two people answer alike.

I think their real complaint is that they have no voice in the matter at all, and if the Wireless League is able to put forward the accumulated opinions of its tens of thousands of members, they at least will have little cause for complaint

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Just imagine how terrible the "turns" would be in a Government music-hall. The whole front of the house would be full of offices, every performer would spend at least a fortnight filling up forms, and the public would wait three-quarters of an hour in the corridor before admission.

If no other music-halls were allowed there would be no competition, performances would degenerate and pure Shakespeare would predominate.

The B.B.C. give us amusement; they provide education in an attractive manner, and yet we cannot allow competition on account of the chaos that would result and because the performers can only be paid via official licences.

MOST people when erecting an aerial seem to think that it should lie as horizontally as possible and that the lead-in is of no importance. The vertical or sloping portion is most important, and if the necessary length could be obtained away from buildings or trees, an all vertical aerial will often give the best results.

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November Doubles Are Risky

S.P. Better than Ante-Post—A Cautious Punter—The "List" Men At It Again—Entries for 1926 Derby—French Tipsters at Work

IF the acceptances for the back-end handicaps are anything to go by racehorse owners still have plenty of money to throw away, however tight it is in other quarters. The Derby Cup has shared the same fate as the Liverpool Cup; more than half the horses having been wiped out at the acceptance stage. The November Handicap has also dwindled alarmingly.

Four Fancies

If I were having a few ante-post doubles I should couple up Ormuzd and Naldera with Confirmation and Vaudricourt, with a decided preference for Ormuzd and Confirmation. But my advice is to steer clear of ante-post doubles during November, as there is always a big danger of the Derby Cup or Manchester November Handicap being abandoned owing to fog. This has occurred at Manchester in recent years, and on two occasions the meeting was abandoned after the big race was decided.

S.P. Doubles Safest

There is no reason why you should not have a starting-price double. If you win on the Derby Cup play up your winnings. If the Manchester race does not take place you retain your Derby Cup winnings. On the other hand, with an ante-post double the bet is void unless both races are decided.

In Case of "Accidents"

A cautious punter who stood to win considerably over one hundred pounds over one of the back-end cup races sent the commission agent's vouchers to me for my perusal, as he had heard that winning vouchers often *went astray*. They do, but this punter's money was as safe as the Bank of England. However, I admire his cautiousness. Some punters I know always have big winning vouchers photographed before they part with them. This is not a bad idea either.

The "List Men" After Your Money

Already we have the "list" men on the job with their market on the big races of next year, but the soundest advice that can be given is to ignore altogether these offers, no matter how tempting they may appear. So far as the Classics are concerned we are in the dark more than ever we were, and, with past experience of how easy it is for the two-year-old champions to go wrong during the winter or spring, prices offered are ridiculous. This year the matter is complicated by the presence in the entries of a number of French "darkies" who have not yet been tested.

Small Entry for the Derby

The entries for the Derby run into three or four hundred, but for 1926 they have dwindled to one hundred and seventy. Devachon's name is missing, but most of the crack two-year-olds are still there, which, of course, is only natural. I noted Colorado, Coronach and his conqueror, Lex, Friar Wile, Legionnaire, Nansen, and Taylor's dark 'un, The Duke of Buckingham. The Derby entry for 1927 is three hundred and forty-nine colts and fillies.

Give French Tipsters a Wide Berth

One result of French success on this side is that the army of French tipsters, far more noisy than our own, are now trying to work up a connection here by laying claim to the most extravagant knowledge of contemplated French coups. The plain fact is that these men know nothing at all and are only trading on the credulity of the average punter and the success of French horses where stamina is required. Consistent following of every French invader commended in these notes would give far better results than can be obtained by blind followers of these tipsters.

Juveniles to Note

Irish Girl and Northern Light II. are juveniles trained by Sam Darling who stand a chance of winning before the end of the season. One belongs to Mr. Macomber and the other to his manager. Neither has been hurried. La Bourse, same trainer, is also worth following, and I have an impression that Golden Clear is one likely to be heard of later. I mentioned that this one was backed heavily at A.P.

FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

Nydia was bumped and knocked sideways in Cabriolet's race at Windsor. She is a very fast Sanfoin filly and would have troubled the winner but for this piece of bad luck. If seen out again she will most likely turn up at a nice price.

Spithead, won 3/1, and Herbalist, 2nd 9/2, was my code double for Liverpool's opening day. The latter was up against a smasher in Devachon.

Ruskin, won 5 to 1, did us another good turn on the second day.

Manchester.—I received a strong tip for Cundell's youngster at Newbury for the race won by Friar Wile. The filly was badly drawn and had no chance. I think she is worth a little each way next time out. She is certain to be at a long price.

Naldera won at Newbury with ten pounds in hand.

Make a note of Flannigan's Ghost for a seller. Ran well at Newbury. Eagle's Corrie, won since at Lincoln, was well behind him.

Irish Girl will pay to follow in five-furlong sprints. At Lincoln she ran second to the best sprinter in the North, Doorway.

Have you heard of Chiron?

Probably you have not heard of Chiron, but the chances are you will hear something of him once the jumping season opens. He has come to Poole to be trained, and another French importation who is going to prove a good hurdler is Despote. He is really better-bred than most of those at the game, and is certain to earn his corn.

Times

(*It is proposed that races at Newmarket shall be officially timed.*)

Good times and bad times, and sad times and glad times,
Whoever goes racing must meet with the lot.
Slow times and fast times and first times and last times
Are times that most punters don't care for a jot.

The times they remember from March to November
Are times when their winnings exceeded their losses,
And soft times for punters and hard times for welshers—
Ah, those are the times when you're "followin' hosses."

Tapes Not to be Broken

Sir John Rutherford's suggestion at the meeting of the Jockey Club that when the tapes are broken it shall be considered no start is one little reform which will meet with general approval. It is bound to make the starts more even, and the unruly horses who nearly always have the starter's eyes on them to the exclusion of the placid horses at the gate, will not be able to dash through "with a flier."

Sir John Rutherford

Hard on the Bookmakers

This meeting led to all sorts of quaint suggestions—not from members of the Jockey Club. One which came before me was that horses left at the gate should be considered non-starters and bets returned. Bookmakers would not be paying super-tax if this were a rule. In fields of two or three runners, with the favourite left at the post, they would have to pay out long odds the winner and return all the big bets. I cannot conceive them taking this lying down.

A National Hope

I have already indicated that Onyx III. will be one of the French hopes in the National next season, whatever he may do on the Flat, and though I would never advise anyone to gamble on that particular race there is in favour of the French candidate the fact that he is good at all kinds of obstacles. Basil Jarvis has offered to train him.

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This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, November 18, to Tuesday, November 24.

"Soccer"

WEEK-END COUPS.

6 Home.—Huddersfield, Manchester C., Sunderland, Coventry, Plymouth, Southend.
5 Home. — Huddersfield, Sunderland, Chelsea, Bristol C., Norwich.
4 Home.—Manchester C., Southampton, Plymouth, Kilmarnock.
3 Away.—Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, Bradford.
3 Draws.—Sheffield U. v. Leeds, Nelson v. Chesterfield, Brighton v. Reading.
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Selections

FORECASTS FOR NOVEMBER 28.

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Away Winner.—Huddersfield.
Draws.—Arsenal v. Sunderland, Liverpool v. Bury, Notts Co. v. Tottenham.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

Home Winners.—Fulham, Middlesbrough, Portsmouth, Preston, South Shields.
Away Winner.—Blackpool.
Draws.—Stoke v. Hull, Sheffield Wednesday v. Chelsea.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III (Southern).

Away Winner.—Plymouth.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Home Winners.—Dundee United, Hamilton, Hearts, Morton, Partick, Raith R., Glasgow Rangers.
Away Winner.—Celtic.
Draws.—Airdrie v. St. Mirren, Clydebank v. Queen's Park.

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G. Mc. (Aberdeen).—"I am a free-thinker." We note your address.

B. M. (Taunton).—"I may be passing by your office one of these days." We hope so.

G. M. (Thetford).—"And now I come to the end of my letter." At last you arouse our keen interest.

N. M. (Chertsey).—"Would you like me to write to you every week or not?" The latter.

H. M. (London, N.)—"He told me his story and I was very much touched." How much altogether?

J. M. (Chalfont).—"I really must apologise for this long letter." We agree with you.

P. B. T. (Gloucester).—"Some men take up a life of crime to avoid hard work." And get hard labour.

P. L. (Leeds).—"My eldest son lolls about the house all day." You should make him sit up.

H. J. D. (Chester).—"Countless animals are skinned to provide furs for women." Including husbands.

E. B. (Clapham).—"Since coming into money I have put on weight." Good. But don't put on side.

J. L. M. (Taplow).—"Some girls like to quarrel." And to make-up.

F. J. M. (Camden Town).—"Girls' short skirts are nothing to be shocked about." Or very nearly nothing.

L. C. (Highgate).—"I bought your excellent paper for a couple of coppers." We trust they enjoyed it.

P. B. (Bow).—"Writing stories is a thankless job." Not at all. Most of them are returned with thanks.

G. M. (Plymouth).—"There's nothing about wild animals I don't know." Then tell us: do gnus gnaw?

J. M. (Clare).—"Women were deceivers ever." Despite this, there are very few lady conjurors.

B. G. (Luton).—"I wouldn't be seen in your office." Probably the caretaker would notice you when he was sweeping up.

H. N. B. (Stoke).—"Many young men prefer a motor-cycle to a wife." Whichever they choose, they get a silencer.

H. N. (Chester).—"Is there any heroism left in England?" Of course there is! Don't men volunteer to act as judges at baby shows?

H. M. (Liverpool).—"Americans laugh more than Britishers." This is not surprising. Look what we pay them.

P. T. (Chelsea).—"For walking in the garden clad in pyjamas, I gave my son a good dressing-down." Why not a good dressing-gown?

H. N. (London, N.).—"Many American visitors are remaining here to witness a real London fog." They won't have long to wait now. Parliament is sitting.

L. T. (Christchurch).—"I am a good pianist, but too nervous to play before an audience." Surely you could oblige with a few quavers.

K. N. (Hayes).—"The tone of the saxophone is the nearest approach to the human voice." It is unfortunately true that there are voices like that.

H. M. (Iver).—"The beautiful ox-eyed blonde will ultimately disappear." But not, we think, the beautiful peroxide blonde.

B. W. (Hitchin).—"A good deal depends on your luck at whist." Yes, and your luck depends on a good deal!

M. D. (Buxton).—"I can read your thoughts about my poem." Sorry to have made you blush!

H. L. (Bognor).—"I went to the Dairy Show to see the butter made." We went to see the milkmaid.

S. L. (Hampstead).—"I propose to make a farewell tour of the provinces. What play do you advise?" "Much Ado About Nothing."

T. S. (Camden Town).—"Why don't people mind their own business?" Because they either have no business or no mind.

L. W. (Reigate).—"I found I had just missed the fast train by ten seconds." And then, no doubt, you started to express yourself.

G. K. (Seasalter).—"Can you tell me the way to write a good play?" Get paper, pen and ink, and think, think, think.

H. M. (Chorley).—"We are no longer a C3 nation but not yet A1." Our boxers, however, are O.K. until they are K.O.

H. H. D. (York).—"I want you to understand I'm a brain worker." We do, and hope you'll soon find your tools.

BERTIE (Oxford).—"In my rush to buy JOHN BULL I narrowly escaped being run down and killed." We're awfully sorry.

L. B. (Hammersmith).—"Where I am working there's a good job going soon and I want to get it." Application might secure it.

CLARISSA (Whitley Bay).—"I think a real London fog must be awfully thrilling." Personally we see very little in them.

J. K. (Grasmere).—"Many politicians have lost their lives in the service of their country." And several others deserve to.

M. O'S. (Menston).—"I have a cat that eats bones and growls like a dog." We've seen a rabbit that would eat lettuce and bark.

ANTE-FEM (Weybridge).—"Why won't a wife remember she's only a rib in the family." Because she's too often expected to be the backbone.

L. R. (Whitchurch).—"The other night I was startled by hearing a series of small explosions." We feared that influenza epidemic was coming.

L. E. (Brampton).—"Is it possible to get a shilling dinner in London?" Yes, if you don't mind paying two or three shillings for it.

A. H. (Rochester).—"The early turn often gets the bird." You'll have to turn to the *Bullets* page pretty soon if you want to get a Turkey—we're offering the last 300 this week.

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G. R. (E.C.1).—"I'm tired of getting my meals in restaurants." We're usually tired of not getting ours.

F. B. (Sandy).—"I make savings-boxes for a living." There should be money in them.

B. A. (Coombe Martin).—"Women will never make good detectives." You think they won't relish wearing plain clothes?

S. G. P. (Pimlico).—"At last I'm to have a leading part in Christmas pantomime." To lead the pony in the fairy coach, we presume.

OLIVER W. (Scunthorpe).—"I've had a hectic time with my new car." Where have you been—prison or hospital?

REGGIE (Scarborough).—"In good hotels guests dress for dinner." In all hotels, we should say, or there would be trouble.

VIOLA (Islington).—"Where on earth would women be without all her pretty clothes?" Our guess is the bath.

FERNIE (Altrincham).—"Telephone girls seem to get sweethearts very easily." Naturally they're used to a number being engaged.

P. W. (Withernsea).—"She gives her age as eighteen, forgetting she said the same thing three years ago." Evident proof that she sticks to her word.

E. A. (Accrington).—"He remains glued to his seat when I play and sing." So that's why he doesn't get up and go out.

W. F. (Shoreham).—"Who is the real boss in your office?" We'll tell you presently. The two office boys are just engaged in a fight to settle it.

I. F. (Middlesbrough).—"My wife's hat blew off and she lectured me all the way home because I failed to catch it." Then you didn't fail to catch it.

A. W. (Clapham).—"Lots of dogs have more sense than their masters." We suspect you of possessing an intelligent dog.

B. S. A. (Brentford).—"I am sending you a piece of good advice." That's all right so long as you don't follow it.

Mrs. C. (Hale).—"Most wives have better judgment than their husbands." Which is proved by the fact of them being wives.

PERSISTENT (Pimlico).—"I've addressed you for the last time. Do you think you'll miss me?" Not if we catch sight of you within fifty yards of this office.

G. D. N. (Leytonstone).—"Modern girls put all their money on their backs." Judging from appearances they must be appallingly poor.

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REV. J. T. (Leeds).—"As a parson, I ask where is a congregation's sense of humour." At your service, we hope.

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R. E. (Blackwell).—"You're very smart, aren't you?" We ought to be, considering the price the tailor charged.

Mrs. H. (Hampstead).—"Since my son took up golf he hasn't got on at all well in the bank." He pays more attention to the bunker than the banker.

GERTIE G. (W.7).—"I was told that the word 'darling' stands for a 'little dear.'" Sometimes it does. Often, however, it stands for financial ruin.

MAY R. (Luton).—"I don't complain if my fiancé is occasionally unshaven." You believe in taking the rough with the smooth, eh?

S. S. A. (Stokesley).—"I always know what people are thinking of me." The gift must cause you a lot of unpleasantness.

JOHN D. (Blackburn).—"There are a lot of hooligans in every football crowd." They're the boys who put the bawl in football.

J. T. (Uxbridge).—"If I ask you for the money what answer shall I get?" One which for your peace of mind you'd do well to burn without reading.

AGRICULTURIST (Wembley).—"The peanut is merely a relative of the useful old bean." That's exactly what we've always suspected when we've seen the knuts in bags.

(Many replies unavoidably held over.)

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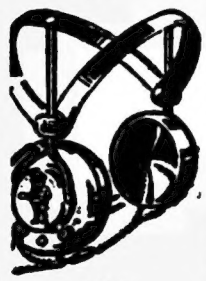

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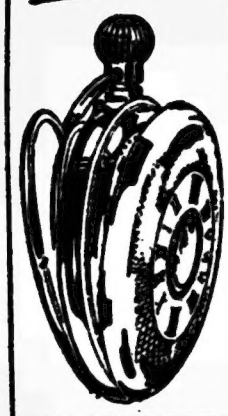

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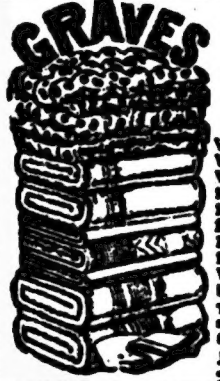

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If you would patrol the country from Land's End to John o' Groats with us, you would discover how terrible is the distress which still exists among those who have a right to expect gratitude from their country.

In Kent, near Maidstone, there is a disabled ex-Service man whose arm was shot away. He receives a pension of £1 a week. Until recently the poor fellow eked out his pittance by minding motor-cars in the town, but the police refuse to allow him to continue this.

Passing through London, we find an ex-Service man who is very ill and quite unable to work. He has no pension, and is not eligible for unemployment benefit. His wife goes out to work to provide for him and four children, but all her efforts cannot prevent the rent getting behind.

WE also find an ex-Service man with exemplary discharge papers, but no pension. He has been employed in domestic service, so cannot draw the "dole." He has pawned everything to pay his rent, save necessary clothes, without which he cannot hope to obtain another situation.

Moving northward, we come to Bradford, where an ex-Service man has just been discharged from hospital. His wife has struggled hard during his illness to maintain herself and two children, one a cripple, but now she too has fallen ill.

We cross the border into Scotland, and in Argyll find the widow of an ex-Service man without a pension, who through illness has been unable to work. Her boy of twelve years earns 2s. 6d. weekly out of school hours, but the poor woman is in fear of ejectment, not having been able to pay her rent of 4s a week.

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This week's Cross-word Puzzle will be found on page 6.

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Mr. W. Pitman

Mr. Walter Pitman, of 114, Merthyr Street, Barry Dock, says: "I have been subject to various skin troubles and for some time suffered from running sores on my head and body. I was also troubled by pimples and rashes, and I tried many ointments and blood preparations without satisfactory result. However, I was recommended by a friend to use Germolene and did so. I found it a cooling and healing remedy for all my troubles."

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"AN optimist and still young at forty-six," is the way Mr. J. Mitchell, of 485, Cathedral Street, Glasgow, describes himself, omitting to say whether his optimism is the cause or the effect of his £250 win in *Bullets* No. 580.

IN YEARS TO COME—AFTER MARRIAGE-BELLS, DING-DONG STRUGGLE was the somewhat pessimistic *Bullet* which brought the winner to the top of the prize-list after several years of competing. "This handsome prize," he writes, "has laid a foundation for better and brighter days."

Mr. Mitchell has shown the value of optimism to a competitor, for had he not taken encouragement from small prizes he had won in the past, he would never have risen to his enviable position as a £250 winner to-day.

Last "Bullets" Turkeys

Already the fate of two hundred and fifty *Bullets* turkeys has been decided, and the winners have been informed of their success. Now this week comes your very last opportunity to grace your Christmas dinner-table with one of these splendid birds.

This last Turkey offer of the year eclipses all that have gone before. No fewer than *three hundred* are awaiting good *Bullets* in the current contest. This affords the competitor with little or no previous experience a wonderful opportunity of carrying off one of these popular Christmas prizes.

Next week will be too late to win a *Bullets* Turkey. You must enter quickly if you want one of the last 300—and don't blame the adjudicators if they decide that one of your *Bullets* is worth £250 instead.

Next Week's Christmas Offer

Bullets always seems to be celebrating something! There was that fine offer in our 1,000th issue; then another huge prize marked the successful conclusion of our "On to the Million!" campaign; and now, our big Christmas Offer is about to be launched.

It is one which will appeal to all tastes, for the enormous First Prize of £1,500 and twenty-four other increased awards will be followed by an attractive series of 2,000 other cash prizes, making one of the longest prize-lists which *Bullets* has yet presented.

Thus whilst every competitor's eye will be on that huge Christmas-box of £1,500, there will be the satisfaction of knowing that over 2,000 of the "runners-up" will receive a cash prize, more than ever welcome at Christmas time.

This week, win your *Bullets* Turkey! Next week, win a *Bullets* Christmas-box!

Result of "Bullets" No. 581 (2,000 Guineas Offer) will appear in our issue dated Dec. 5.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 582.

OUR GOVERNMENT	SOON
CURED IN HOSPITAL	UNCLE SAM
WHEN WE ALL FLY	THANKS TO BABY
HUSBAND	MAGIC WAND
WHAT HE TOLD HER	FLOWER OF YOUTH
DRESSES	MODERN EVE
I WASN'T MARRIED	FATHER'S MISTAKE
KINGS OF WAR	NO FOOL
WHAT THE POSTMAN HEARD	HER HAIR
	THINGS THAT MATTERS

WHAT IS WEALTH?

These Examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10. All Coupons so used MUST be marked clearly with the number 582 in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed to "Bullets" No. 582, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C. 2 (Comp.). Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. 583.

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10 PRIZES OF £2 10
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"Bullets" No. 583.

LITTLE BY LITTLE
HIS EXCUSE
MAKING A FUSS
WHEN IT HAPPENS
MY TURN
WITH A GIGGLE
COUNTRY MOUSE
FORTUNATELY
GENUINE ARTICLE
SHOWED HE WAS SIMPLE
WHEN IT'S DARK
IF WIFE WAS PREMIER
HOME TEAM
UNLUCKY
WHAT THE BURGLAR SAID
HARD CASH
MAN OF THE WORLD
AMBITIOUS
WILLING HORSE
TRICK OF THE TRADE
COLD COMFORT
WHAT SHE MEANT
WHERE HE WENT WRONG
CONFUSING
A LONG STORY
LOOKS EASY
HEARD IN THE STREET
WORTH KNOWING
HER SLAVE
MOTHER'S LOVE
CLEVER CHAP
WHAT IS A JOKE?

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL, and crossed & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
3. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
4. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

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Example:—THE MIDDLE CLASSES Bullet:—VERY SILENT—VERY SOUND.
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Example:—HAPPY FAMILY Bullet:—"BROOD" WHO DON'T

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Example _____
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Example _____
Bullet _____
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"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

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Example _____
Bullet _____
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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, November 26.
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Example _____
Bullet _____
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